



FLORIDA DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE WEEKLY UPDATE

March 7, 2012

Gulf Coast Incident Management Team/Florida Branch

- Gulf Coast Incident Management Team (GCIMT) remains active in New Orleans with the Florida Branch Office located in Mary Esther, FL.
- Supporting the GCIMT is Darryl Boudreau (FDEP), State On-Scene Coordinator, and George Henderson (FWC), State Scientific Support Coordinator. Darryl and George both staffed the GCIMT office this week.
- Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), FDEP and BP are staffing the Florida Branch Office.
- The Florida Branch, is supervising the activities of two Divisions, staffed by BP and their contract personnel with USCG oversight:
 - Division 1 - Western Escambia County (Perdido Key)
 - Division 2 - Eastern Escambia (Pensacola Beach), Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla Counties.

Florida Activities

- A weekly FL command conference call for response activities is held every Wednesday at 8 am CDT. This call includes personnel supporting the GCIMT, FL Branch (FDEP, USCG, & BP Branch Director) and Department of Emergency Management (DEM).
- Four Shoreline Cleanup Assessment teams (SCAT), that include FDEP personnel, continue to conduct scientific assessments of the FL coast on a daily basis. Teams document oil found and provide cleanup recommendations.
- Product continues to be collected, documented and weighed by segment on a daily basis.

Weekly Totals (Lbs)							
Counties	Escambia	Okaloosa	Walton	Bay	Gulf	Franklin	Total
Material Collected	508.76	0.94	4.17	0	0	0	513.87
Oiled Debris	1.00	1.00	0	0	0	0	2.00
Total- to date	2,799,583	39,861	15,648	4,019	329	138	2,859,579

*Material collected totals represent work completed through these dates 2.29.12 - 3.07.12 - Note Bay, Gulf, and Franklin Counties are out of active response.

Florida Activities continued

- Due to the lack of sufficient work to maintain five full time SCAT teams, SCAT team 7 was demobilized on March 2, 2012. Team 10 will be demobilized on March 14th. Florida will operate with three full time SCAT teams and will maintain the capability to stand up an additional team on an as needed basis.
- The Migratory Bird Nesting Season has begun within the Response's area of operation. Two snowy plover nests were observed in Fort Pickens SCAT segment FLES2-034 on March 6th. This segment has been placed on a partial environment hold to avoid disturbance of the birds by Operations (OPS). Migratory Bird Nesting Season runs from approximately February to October.
- Ongoing discussions in NOLA on a path forward for segments that have very low oil collection amounts. Different strategies and options are being presented to move these segments closer to achieving segment completion status and removal from the response.
- A National Response Center (NRC) incident report was filed for Navarre Beach, which has been signed out of the response, for unconfirmed tar balls on March 1st. USCG and DEP investigated and confirmed the presence of both MC252 SRBs (surface residue balls) and non-MC252 tar balls in very low concentrations. Due to the low concentration and recovery of the SRB's, these segments will remain out of active response.
- The State approved the following document(s)/plan(s):
 - Shoreline Inspection Report (SIR-(1)) - for segments FLOK2-023, 025, 026, 027; FLWA1-006, 007 and 014. These segments met shoreline cleanup criteria and in accordance with the SCCP will be transferred into SCAT monitoring for a minimum of 30 days prior to conducting a second SIR (SIR-(2)).
 - OPS Frequency Change Request for Gulf Islands National Seashore segments FLES1-023 to 028 and FLES2-026 to 034. The minimum required frequency for OPS to clean each segment will be reduced from 1 time per week to 2 times per month at the request of the National Park Service.
 - Administrative Hold for segment FLWA1-038. Due to safety concerns associated with the permitted Dune reconstruction project in this area, the segment will be placed on a temporary Administrative Hold. Once the project is complete, OPS will resume normal Patrol and Maintenance activities.