



FLORIDA DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE WEEKLY UPDATE

May 24, 2013

Gulf Coast Incident Management Team/Florida Branch

- Gulf Coast Incident Management Team (GCIMT) remains active in New Orleans, LA with the consolidated MS/AL/FL Branch Office located in Gulf Shores, AL.
- Supporting the GCIMT is George Henderson (FWC), State On-Scene Coordinator (SOSC). George provided support remotely this week.
- Representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), FDEP and BP are staffing the consolidated 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 County (Pensacola Beach)

Florida Activities

- One Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) team, that includes FDEP personnel, continues to conduct scientific assessments of the FL coast on a daily basis. The team documents oil found and provides cleanup recommendations.
- Product continues to be collected, documented and weighed by segment on a daily basis.

Weekly Totals (lb)							
Counties	Escambia/ Santa Rosa	Okaloosa	Walton	Bay	Gulf	Franklin	Total
Material Collected	38.50	0	0	0	0	0	38.50
Oiled Debris	7.19	0	0	0	0	0	7.19
Total- to date	2,832,540	39,920	15,767	4,019	329	138	2,892,713

* Material collected totals represent work completed through these dates 5.17.13 - 5.23.13 - Note Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, and Franklin Counties are out of active response.

Florida Activities continued

- The State was notified of the decision to remove the remaining Escambia County segments from the response on May 13th, after Capt. Walker met with Commissioner Robinson to discuss his plan.
- In response to the Captain's official notification letter sent to Escambia County on May 14th, the State on the behalf of Escambia County requested the Environmental Benefit Analyses and beachgoer satisfaction surveys that supported the Capt. decisions and rational. The Capt. replied that his decision was not based on a fixed or variable calculus but rather a 'comprehensive review' of all available data. His decision was also based on his best judgment granted to him under law.
- Commissioner Robinson replied to the Capt's May 14th letter on May 24th stating his objection to the removal of Perdido Key and Pensacola amenity beaches from the response. The Commissioner stated the County hoped a compromise for a smaller response footprint vs. complete removal could have been achieved, as discussed with the Capt. earlier this year.
- Met with the National Park Service (NPS) on May 20th to discuss logistics with DEP personnel conducting long term beach monitoring on NPS property.
- A meeting with Escambia County officials is scheduled for May 29th to discuss the State's long term beach monitoring proposal.
- Capt. Walker is scheduled to meet with Pensacola Naval Air Station on May 29th to discuss his Escambia County close-out plan.
- The FOSC's 'Middle R' Directive was distributed on May 17th. The directive defines how CG will provide augmented staff to respond to National Response Center (NRC) reports and how response efforts will be handled. 'Middle R' is a transition between active response 'Big R' and 'Little R' Legacy Response.
- The Consolidated Branch office will remain open until the third quarter (July-Sept.). Exact closing date unknown.
- BP will maintain a field presence beyond June 1st to provide oversight of 'Middle R' OSRO teams. Uncertain how long the presence will be maintained but the length is likely contingent upon the number of NRC reports filed requiring an OSRO team to respond.
- NPS filed 10 NRC reports from 5.17 to 5.24 for GUIIS Perdido Key, Ft. Pickens and Santa Rosa. NPS personnel were able to mitigate all the material on seven of the reports.
 - OSRO/strike teams were deployed to GUIIS Ft. Pickens, segments FLES2-003 and 004, to respond to two NRC reports on May 23rd. The crews collected ~5.31 lb of oil.
 - USCG was able to mitigate the oil on one report without calling in an OSRO team.