



# FLORIDA DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE WEEKLY UPDATE

October 24, 2012

## Gulf Coast Incident Management Team/Florida Branch

- Gulf Coast Incident Management Team (GCIMT) remains active in New Orleans, LA with the Florida Branch Office located in Mary Esther, FL.
- Supporting the GCIMT is Darryl Boudreau (FDEP), State On-Scene Coordinator (SOSC), and George Henderson (FWC), State Scientific Support Coordinator (SSC). George staffed the GCIMT office this week; while Darryl provided remote support. Darryl will no longer be physically staffing the GCIMT office in NOLA, he will provide remote support from the NWD office in Pensacola. George will continue to staff the GCIMT office as needed.
- 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 and Walton Counties.

## Florida Activities

- Two Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) teams, 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/ Santa Rosa	Okaloosa	Walton	Bay	Gulf	Franklin	Total
Material Collected	156.30	1.70	0.50	0	0	0	158.50
Oiled Debris	37.47	0	0	0	0	0	37.47
Total- to date	2,823,495	39,894	15,764	4,019	329	138	2,883,639

\*Material collected totals represent work completed through these dates 10.18.12 - 10.24.12 - Note Santa Rosa, Bay, Gulf, and Franklin Counties are out of active response.

## Florida Activities continued

- Macondo well oil sheen update: Prior to receiving the official analysis results from the samples taken at the coffer dam, BP volunteered to cap the coffer dam stove pipe and east connection port. Remote operated vehicles (ROV) were sent to the site on the 24<sup>th</sup>, where they successfully inserted the plugs, followed by two hours of investigation and monitoring to check for any leaks. No leaks were detected. The FOSC has directed a five day period of satellite monitoring to verify that no sheening is occurring. The live video was played at the Incident Command Center in NOLA. Additional information regarding the investigation can be found at [www.restorethegulf.gov](http://www.restorethegulf.gov).
- Operations continued to manually remove the submerged oil mat in segment FLES2-005 (Gulf Islands National Seashore (GUIS), Ft. Pickens) until all visible oil was recovered. Snorkel SCAT surveyed the area again on October 19<sup>th</sup> and found between zero to 30% pit oiling. Per the request of the National Park Service (NPS), Operations will continue to visit these segments on an elevated frequency beyond their minimum requirement (1x/week) and will review the data daily to determine when to drop frequencies back to normal. Between 10.18 and 10.25.12 crews recovered approximately 37 lbs of material.
- NPS approved the subsurface delineation auger plan on 10.22.12. The goal of the augering plan is to determine if subsurface criteria has been met based on SCCP criteria for special management areas (No subsurface oil exceeding 3 cm (~1¼ inch) in thickness and patchy (<50%) distribution that is greater than Oil Residue, or as low as reasonably practicable considering the allowed treatment methods and net environmental benefit). Four areas in GUIS Perdido Key and eight areas in Ft. Pickens will be investigated. These areas were selected based on 2010 SCAT auger data.
- A NPS auger delineation meeting was held at the FL Branch office on October 24<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were representatives from NPS, SCAT, BP, Danos and the State. The purpose of the meeting was to work out the logistics of the plan. Augering is scheduled to start in Ft. Pickens on October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the FOSC Administrative Hold Process Memo was distributed. The memo defines the way segments on administrative hold can be released and lists the options the FOSC can take in regard to the status of the segment(s).
- The SOSC, DEP Branch Liaison, BP Response Lead, and NPS representative visited GUIS Ft. McRee segment FLES1-037 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to observe crews recovering larger SRB chunks ten feet offshore.
- Snorkel SCAT team 8 worked in Florida from 10.22 to 10.24.12 surveying segment FLES2-022. The team observed large SRBs in the ITZ but did not find any indication of a submerged oil mat. Team 8 will return to Florida on the 30<sup>th</sup> to survey segment FLES1-023.
- Agreed upon Department of the Interior (DOI) SOSC SCAT advancement request: FLES2-044- advance to SIR (1).

- The State approved the following document(s)/plan(s):
  - Shoreline Inspection Report (SIR-(1)) - for segments FLES3-002 (partial, NPS property only), FLES3-017 and FLES3-018. 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)).
  - Shoreline Inspection Report (SIR-(2)) - for segment FLES1-078. This segment met shoreline cleanup criteria and will be removed from the response.