



FLORIDA DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE WEEKLY UPDATE

December 21, 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 and Darryl both provided remote support 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 and Walton Counties.

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 (Lbs)							
Counties	Escambia/ Santa Rosa	Okaloosa	Walton	Bay	Gulf	Franklin	Total
Material Collected	705.60	6.00	0	0	0	0	711.60
Oiled Debris	230.37	0.53	0	0	0	0	230.90
Total- to date	2,826,851	39,906	15,767	4,019	329	138	2,887,010

*Material collected totals represent work completed through these dates 12.13.12 - 12.20.12 - Note Santa Rosa, Bay, Gulf, and Franklin Counties are out of active response.

Florida Activities continued

- Macondo well update: The ROV investigation to look for the Gulf oil sheen source was completed on December 15th. The ROV inspected the rig debris, containment dome, wellheads and seafloor. No apparent oil sources were identified. Subsurface and surface samples were taken for analysis; including a sample of an unidentified white, hazy substance seen emanating from the rig debris. Additional information regarding this investigation can be found at www.restorethegulf.gov.
- A SAP meeting with the FOOSC and SOOSC was held on December 13th. Segment FLES1-080 will have a repeat MON (1) survey. Segments FLOK1-044, FLOK2-001 and FLOK2-002 will have a repeat SIR (2) survey.
- Gulf Island National Seashore, Santa Rosa segment FLES3-012: Crews found a subsurface oil vein in the ITZ escarpment on December 13th. The NPS has requested that hand augering be conducted to determine the extent of the vein. A plan is currently being discussed between Branch Operations and the National Park Service. Until a plan is in place, crews will continue to recover the oil as it becomes exposed; approximately 134 lbs have been collected to date.
- A submerged oil mat was discovered on Pensacola Beach segment FLES2-018 on December 14th by Operations. Extremely low tides allowed the crews to manually remove a portion of it on Friday and Saturday. Snorkel SCAT confirmed the mat on the 16th. With normal tide conditions the mat cannot be reached by crews; crews have been collecting the product as it comes onshore. Since the 14th, approximately 360 lbs of material have been collected.
- Perdido Key segment FLES2-006 update: Information to mechanically remove the submerged oil mat has been submitted to our Beaches and Coastal section for review and they are currently drafting a De Minimis permit for the work. On December 20th, the CG requested that segment FLES2-018 be included in the permit as well. The permit should be issued next week.
- While no official documents to increase P&M visits in Okaloosa County were distributed, the Branch has been sending crews to clean the segments when conditions are favorable (low tides, calm seas). Crews visited these segments 3+ times in the last week.
- SCAT team 9 will stand back up on January 5, 2013 to assist Team 4. The second team is anticipated to be needed for at least 2-3 weeks.
- Agreed upon NPS SCAT repeat requests: FLES3-008 repeat PIST; FLES3-004 and FLES3-016 repeat SIR (1).
- GCIMT offices will be closed from December 22, 2012 until January 2, 2013 in observance of Christmas and New Year's. FL Branch operations will resume beach cleaning on 1.03.13 following a safety day on the 2nd.
- Darryl Boudreau will be leaving the response and DEP January 2, 2013. George Henderson will be assuming the role as SOOSC and Sarah Kell will continue her role as State Liaison/Representative at the FL Branch office. We wish Darryl the best of luck in his new career.