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Manatee County Update Advisory

Manatee County, FL (May 20- 2010) This announcement is to advise all Manatee County residents and visitors that Manatee County has not experienced any problems as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. As reported Wednesday, the oil found in the Florida Keys was not related to the spill.

Manatee County remains untouched by any oil, and has not experienced any effects as a result of the spill. All Manatee County beaches and waterways are open for recreational use. Multiple County agencies continue to monitor the situation, and are prepared to take action should the situation change. At the present time, the oil is not expected to impact our area.

The US Coast Guard Sector-St Petersburg continues to be the command center for the incident. They advise it will be at least 72 hours before the spill could hit any portions of Florida. According the State Division of Emergency Management, the oil is still 270 miles from St. Petersburg.

Manatee County officials will continue to monitor this event, and will release updates as warranted. For additional information please call Capt. Larry Leinhauser at 941-749-3500 ext. 1640 or e-mail larry.leinhauser@mymanatee.org

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