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Governor

Situation Report # 21

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Weather Summary:

- According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil spill is **75 miles** southwest of Pensacola, **140 miles** from Port St. Joe, **270 miles** from St. Petersburg,
- **The oil plume is more than 75 miles from Florida and no oil impacts are expected upon any part of the Florida coastline within at least the next 72 hours. A stalled frontal boundary over the central Gulf States will inch slightly north, shift light winds to the southeast this afternoon, and may produce isolated showers and thunderstorms across the northern-central gulf this afternoon. Light winds and seas are generally expected until Friday, which will be favorable for surface oil recovery operations. A portion of the oil, scattered light and very light sheens, have been observed moving to the southeast over the last few days. A general consensus of the forecast models indicate some portion of the oil may stay in a small eddy to the north of the loop current and move back north, while some of the oil moves south into the loop current.**

Current Situation:

- **Florida beaches are open.**
- Unified Command estimates release rate of oil from Deepwater Horizon at 5,000 barrels per day.
- This event has been designated a Spill of National Significance.
- Unified Command continues with a comprehensive oil well intervention and spill response plan following the April 22 sinking of the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling rig 130 miles southeast of New Orleans.
- Approximately **19,400** personnel are working the on and offshore response.
- Oil-water mix recovered: approximately **7.87** million gallons
- Response vessels in use: **970**
- Dispersant (in gallons): approximately **600,000** deployed / **310,000** available
- 17 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines:
 - AL – Dauphin Island, Orange Beach, and Theodore
 - FL – Panama City, Pensacola, Port St. Joe, and Carrabelle
 - LA – Amelia, Grand Isle, Shell Beach, Slidell, Venice, St. Mary, and Cocodrie
 - MS – Biloxi, Pascagoula, and Pass Christian

Florida Specific:

- Oil Containment Boom (in feet)
 - **214,800** total deployment in Florida
 - Florida staging areas: approximately **27,250** staged
- In accordance with established plans, protective booming and boom maintenance is being conducted in the coastal areas of Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties.
- 538 BP and contract personnel are working on the effort in Florida.
- BP issued a \$25 million block grant to Florida; first priority is costs associated with booming.
- BP has issued a second \$25 million grant to Florida for a national tourism advertising campaign.
- **128 of 454** contracts have been activated for the Vessels of Opportunity program in Florida.
- Representatives from BP and the U.S. Coast Guard are stationed at the State EOC and at staging areas and incident command posts in Florida.
- FDEP has issued an Emergency Final Order authorizing suspension of certain parameters, allowing for an efficient and timely response to oil spill related matters.
- BP claims in Florida: **1,680 / approximately \$688,639 paid**
 - Wage Loss: **765 claims / \$225,160**
 - Loss of Income:
 - Commercial: **162 claims / \$36,249.**
 - Business Interruption: **66 claims / \$17,900**
 - Shrimper: **68 claims / \$163,750**
 - Fishermen: **175 claims / \$112,999**
 - Oyster Harvester: **1 claim / \$2,500**
 - Crabber: **4 claims / \$5,000**
 - Recreational Fishermen: **2 claims / \$5,000**
 - Rental Property: **232 claims / \$12,280**
 - Charters: **129 claims / \$106,120**
 - Maintenance Company: **4 claims / \$1,680**

State Actions:

- State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at a Level 2 (Partial) with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as the lead agency.
- Governor's Executive Orders 10-99 and 10-100 declared a state of emergency for:
 - Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, and Gulf (10-99)
 - Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Sarasota (10-100)
- Governor's Executive Order 10-101 established the Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force, which will facilitate efforts by Florida businesses and industries to recover from the loss of commerce and revenues due to the oil spill.
- Conducting daily conference calls with: county and emergency management partners, the Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and Mobile Unified Command.
- A 33-member Forward-State Emergency Response Team (F-SERT) is on-scene at the Unified Command in Mobile.
- The State Emergency Response Team is supporting efforts with 9 personnel at Unified Command Sector St. Petersburg and **2 personnel at Unified Command Sector Key West.**
- ESF 15 – Volunteers and Donation is providing consistent messaging to Florida volunteers, "All oil-contaminated materials will only be handled by trained, paid workers and not by volunteers." 1,689 volunteers worked 7,528 hours for clean-ups along 135 miles of Florida's beaches.
- The Boom Coordination Cell continues to coordinate additional requests.
- An Innovative Technology Cell is assessing alternative clean-up technologies suggested by the public and stakeholders.
- ESF 10 – A website to view all of the consolidated State sampling data that is being collected along the Gulf Coastline is at www.nrdata.org.
- The Small Business Administration has issued an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for the State of Florida.

Florida Information Lines

- ESF 14 – The Florida Oil Spill Information Line (FOSIL) is available from 8am-6pm EDT daily at (888) 337-3569.
- Mobile Unified Command has established two public hotline numbers for oil spill investigation and cleanup:
 - Impacted Wildlife: (866) 557-1401
 - Oiled Shoreline: (866) 448-5816

Small Business Administration, Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

- Escambia: Small Business Development Center, 401 E. Chase St, Suite 100 Pensacola, FL 32502
- Santa Rosa: Navarre Beach Chamber, 8543 Navarre Parkway Navarre, FL 32566
- Okaloosa: Community Center Annex, 108 Stahlman Ave Destin, FL 32541
- Walton: Walton Area Chamber of Commerce, 63 S Centre Trail Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
- Bay: Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce, 309 Beckrich Ave Panama City Beach, FL 32407
- Gulf: Chamber of Commerce, 150 Captain Fred's Place Port St. Joe, FL 32456
- Franklin: Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce, 122 Commerce St Apalachicola, FL 32320
- Wakulla: Wakulla Agricultural Center, 84 Cedar Ave Crawfordville, FL 32327

Local States of Emergency

- Bay
- Dixie
- Escambia
- Franklin
- Gulf
- Okaloosa
- Santa Rosa
- Sarasota
- Taylor
- Wakulla
- Walton

County EOC Activations

- Bay, Level 1 (Full)
- Gulf, Level 2 (Partial)
- Franklin, Level 2 (Partial)
- Okaloosa, Level 2 (Partial)
- Santa Rosa, Level 2 (Partial)
- Wakulla, Level 2 (Partial)