

Key issues and topics of the day for May 20, 2010. Please share with anyone you feel could use this information.

BP well site operations

Riser Insertion Tube Tool Continues to Divert Leaking Oil:

BP's riser insertion tube tool continues to capture a varying rate of leaking oil, bringing it to the surface for storage and disposal. [Estimated at 3,000 barrels a day.](#)

Progress Continues in Drilling Relief Wells:

The *Development Driller III*, continues to drill the first relief well at approximately 30 feet per hour. The *Development Driller II* is being prepared to receive the blowout preventer, following which it will begin drilling the second relief well.

Oil impact estimate and Loop Current

No direct oil impacts are expected for the Florida coastline in the next 72 hours. Some amount of light sheen has been entrained into the Gulf loop current, but also will not directly impact Florida in the 72 hour time frame See attached 72 hour trajectory forecast map (attached)

State Actions

Governor extends Executive Order to include Charlotte to Palm Beach Counties

Please see the attached Executive Order 10-106, regarding an extension of Governor Charlie Crist's declaration of a State of Emergency to Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties due to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

County Actions

ACP update review and update from Sector St. Pete Unified Command

Sarasota County Emergency Management and Environmental services representatives received a situation update from Captain Tim Close, Incident Commander and reviewed updates applied to the Area Contingency Plan. Maps will be available on a share point site for staff to access.

Use of Volunteers

ESF 15 – Volunteers and Donation is providing consistent messaging to Florida volunteers, "All oil-contaminated materials will only be handled by trained, paid workers hired by British Petroleum or their contractors and not by volunteers. All persons wishing to volunteer should register with www.volunteerflorida.org where they will be registered and paired up with local organizations with volunteer opportunities.

Status of Tar Balls found in Key West

On Wednesday, May 19, the U.S. Coast Guard confirmed that tar balls collected from Fort Zachary Taylor State Park in Key West are not related to the Deepwater Horizon incident.

In 2008 and 2009 there were 667 and 681 reports respectively of oil and petroleum incidents along Florida's waterways and beaches so these occurrences are not unusual. Specifically in the Florida Keys (Monroe County) there were 53 incidents in 2008 and 72 incidents in 2009 of oil and petroleum products being reported in their coastal waters.

Health Effects:

At this time, there are no indications of any health risks to Floridians due to the Deepwater Horizon incident. The Department of Health and DEP are closely monitoring health and environmental impacts to Florida's beaches and will notice an advisory if conditions become unsafe.

For most people, an occasional brief contact with a small amount of oil, while not recommended, will do no harm. If contact occurs, wash the area with soap and water. Learn more at: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/files/faq_doh_051010.pdf

Fisheries & Seafood:

The fisheries, wildlife and seafood off of Florida's coast in state waters are safe and there are no alerts at this time. Press Release Florida saltwater fishing regulations remain in effect as usual. Learn more at www.MyFWC.com/Fishing

Tourism

Through www.VISITFLORIDA.com, vacationers are able to view live Twitter feeds and read up-to-the-minute information on the status of any city or region in Florida. Learn more at http://www.visitflorida.com/florida_travel_advisory/

Businesses and Consumers

Florida's coastal businesses should be prepared to make loss of earnings claims for damages incurred as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. In all circumstances, affected businesses should file a claim with BP via the hotline number at 1-800-440-0858 or claims office. Learn more at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/> or by calling 1-850-413-3089 or toll-free at 1-877-MY-FL-CFO (1-877-693-5236).

Individual and Small Business Support Services Coordination Team Begins Work

An interagency team is developing and overseeing a unified approach for coordinating supportive services to individuals and small businesses impacted by the BP oil spill. In support of the National Incident Command, the Interagency Integrated Services Team is building a coordination plan based on the operational concept of "no wrong door" to ensure individuals, families, and small business can easily access the claims process, benefits, and other services.

This team will work closely among all levels of government to ensure that BP, as a responsible party, meets its obligations and that impacted individuals are made whole. Leadership from the interagency team briefed Governors from Gulf Coast states and identified next steps for a coordinated effort to ensure all claims are properly addressed.

As part of these efforts, a central resource for information on how to obtain assistance for dealing with the impacts of the current oil spill should visit www.disasterassistance.gov.