



**Emergency Briefing to the Sarasota County
Board of County Commissioners
May 4, 2010**

New Orleans





Situation Report # 6
Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 1200 hrs EDT

Current Situation

- 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.
- 7,484 personnel are involved on and offshore response, with an additional 2,000+ volunteers.
- To date, 23,968 barrels of an oil-water mix has been recovered.
- Response vessels used: 196 (skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels)
- Dispersant: 156,012 gallons deployed / 230,000 gallons available.
- Oil containment boom (barrier in feet): 486,940 deployed/ 668,081 available.
- 9 staging areas are in place to protect sensitive shorelines:
 - o AL – Dauphin Island
 - o FL – Pensacola
 - o LA – Port Fourchon, Port Sulphur, Shell Beach, Venice
 - o MS – Biloxi, Gulfport, Pascagoula



Drill Pipe Riser System

- Containment chamber #1 (14' x 24' x 40') installed over riser leak
- Containment funnel installed on base of 6-5/8" drill pipe riser
- 6-5/8" drill string riser up to Enterprise
- 6-5/8" Drill string connected to surface separation on Enterprise



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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)

Conducting daily conference calls with county and emergency management partners to ensure there are open lines of communication and information flow.

Representatives from British Petroleum (BP) and the U.S. Coast Guard are present at the State EOC.

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In accordance with established plans, protective booming continues to be deployed in coastal areas of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

- Volunteer Florida is assisting with coordination of pre-landfall clean-up efforts along Panhandle beaches.
- The Florida Department of Corrections has issued an Emergency Order allowing inmates be utilized in response/clean-up activities.
- ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials has established a Boom Planning Cell to process additional boom priority requests from counties.

Florida Specific

Oil Containment Boom (in feet)

Pensacola: 91,400 deployed/ 50,700 staged

Panama City: 17,000 staged/ 45,000 on order

There are 285 British Petroleum (BP) and contract personnel working on the effort in the Pensacola area.

A new staging area in Panama City is mobilizing.

County EOC Activations

- Escambia, Level 2 (Partial)
- Franklin, Level 2 (Partial)
- Okaloosa, Level 2 (Partial)
- Santa Rosa, Level 2 (Partial)
- Wakulla, Level 2 (Partial)
- Walton, Level 2 (Partial)

Local States of Emergency

- Escambia
- Franklin
 - Gulf
- Okaloosa
- Santa Rosa
 - Taylor
- Wakulla

Sarasota County Actions

Conducted EOC briefing and coordination meeting of local responders and stakeholders to establish response strategy

Participating in USCG Sector St Pete Unified Command Conference calls

Participating in daily Conference calls with The State Emergency Response Team, and the Department of Environmental Protection

County Environmental and Coastal Resources staff confirming USCG Area Contingency Plan Maps of sensitive areas and booming plan.

County Public Communications staff crafting public messages and Call Center scripts for frequently asked questions

Conducted press briefing at 1000am May 4, 2010

Key Points

Department of Environmental Protection is the lead agency

This event is controlled by mother nature and the weather.

The best projections on trajectory or landfall are within 72 hrs or less

This is not a Stafford Act response where we would receive reimbursement through the federal Government, but rather a unique event where British Petroleum holds the checkbook

Coast Guard will have Unified Command post in St. Pete this week

Booming operations plan in place – Coast Guard will manage using approved Area Contingency plans

The prognosis is that by the time it reaches the west coast, the oil will be weathered and be either as tar balls or patties as it will be broken up and not in a contiguous sheen

BP is the responsible party for contracting workers and placing boom in sensitive Areas in coordination with the USCG and the ACP.