



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 3, 2010
TIME: 3:00 p.m. EST
TO: Sanibel City Council
FROM: Judie Zimomra, City Manager
SUBJECT: Oil Spill Update

Current Situation:

- Sanibel's beaches are in pristine condition and are all open. At this time there is no smell of oil or burning
- The latest reports from the Unified Command estimate release rate of oil from Deepwater Horizon at 5,000 barrels per day.
- This event has been designated a Spill of National Significance (SONS).
- 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.
- More than 2,000 personnel are involved in the response effort both on and offshore with additional resources being mobilized as needed.
- To date, the oil spill response team has recovered more than a million gallons of an oil-water mix. Vessels are in place and continuing recovery operations.
- More than 100 response vessels are being used including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels.
- 156,000 gallons of dispersant have been deployed and an additional 75,000 gallons are available.
- Hundreds of thousands of feet of boom (barrier) has been assigned to contain the spill. An additional 500,000 feet is available.
- The US Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued a Declaration of Regional Emergency, allowing motor carriers transporting response-related materials exemption from hours of service requirements.
- NOAA has restricted fishing in Federal Waters between the mouth of the Mississippi River to Pensacola for a minimum of 10 days.

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Florida Specific:

- In the Pensacola area, 87,900 feet of boom has been deployed, with 41,000 feet staged.
- 17,000 feet of boom has been staged in Panama City, with another 13,000 feet of boom on order
- There are 242 BP and contract personnel working on the effort in the Pensacola area.

State Actions:

- In support of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as the lead agency, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at a Level 2 (Partial) activation.
- Executive Order 10-99 has been signed by the Governor declaring a state of emergency. Executive Order 10-100 adds coastal counties from Franklin to Sarasota to the state of emergency declaration.
- A unified command center is being opened by the State and Coast Guard in St. Petersburg. The City of Sanibel will be in this regions span of command.
- The SERT is conducting daily conference calls with county and emergency management partners to ensure there are open lines of communication and information flow. The City of Sanibel is monitoring these calls.
- The Florida Division of Emergency Management and Department of Environmental Protection have representatives at the Unified Command at the U.S. Coast Guard's Sector in Mobile.
- Representatives from British Petroleum (BP) and the U.S. Coast Guard are at the State EOC.
- 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 to enter private property while engaged in response / clean-up activities.

Sanibel Actions:

- Sanibel's beaches are in pristine condition and are all open. At this time there is no smell of oil or burning
- Mayor and City Manager participated in phone call Governor.
- City Manager preparing recommendations to City Council.
- Finance Director prepared Cost Tracking Forms.
- City of Sanibel Staff met with J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge and Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation Staffs to coordinate efforts and documentation of pre-disaster conditions.

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