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Deepwater Horizon Incident #1  
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### *Deepwater Horizon Incident Update #1*

#### **Situation Update**

- Local areas are expected to begin seeing the impact of the Deepwater Horizon collapse sometime Monday, May 3, with Escambia County affected first.
- The resources staged in Pensacola are regional resources which includes Santa Rosa.

#### **Actions Taken By Santa Rosa County**

- A local state of emergency was declared at 3 p.m. today by Commission Chair Gordon Goodin, allowing the county to implement proactive measures as needed.
- Emergency management officials continue to participate in the unified command and State of Florida Department of Emergency Management conference calls to obtain the latest information to plan our role accordingly.
- An emergency management staff member attended a 10 a.m. briefing today at the regional command center in Mobile for an update on response actions, potential impact and response plans for Santa Rosa County.
- A meeting of essential local emergency support agencies will be held on Saturday.
- The Central Landfill is permitted and ready to accept oil spill material.
- Community Emergency Response Teams or CERT from Pace and Navarre have been tasked with documenting pre-oil spill shoreline conditions through photos submitted to emergency management.
- Emergency management contacted the local area chambers of commerce and TDC to help track losses and to encourage tracking of those losses.
- Pre-qualified debris contractors and environmental engineering consultants have been contacted and are ready to respond as required.
- Booming strategies are being coordinated with the unified command.
- Officials are attending several homeowner meetings on Navarre Beach to update beach residents and property owners.
- Requests have been made to the Unified Command for air and water quality tests prior to the oil reaching our areas so a current baseline will be available to measure the affects of the spill.
- The EOC is not currently activated. Plans are to go to a level 2 partial activation with essential staff at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 3. Emergency staff will work through the weekend.
- The Santa Rosa County Citizen Information Line at (850) 983-INFO or 4363 will be open Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### **Volunteers**

- Volunteers are needed on Saturday and Sunday to clean existing debris from the beach. This is in order to make any oil spill clean up safer and more efficient.
- To volunteer for beach clean up or register for other opportunities that may arise, ALL volunteers should contact the Volunteer Reception Center operated through Help Thy Neighbors in coordination with emergency management at (850) 686-6646 or (850) 287-1352.

#### **Community Meetings**

Community information meetings for residents are being arranged with county leaders, staff and other response representatives; tentatively for Monday, May 3. As soon as the times and locations are confirmed, we will notify the public through our local media outlets.

### **BP Resources in our Area**

- BP has a support team on the ground and they are currently mobilizing offices for a community support site. Phone numbers and address will be released when the site is open
- Response resources in our area
  - 242 personal
  - 14 vessels
  - 21 skimmers
  - 3 vacuum trucks
  - BP is working towards having 80,000 feet of booming staged and/or placed in the water
- Teams will be working full-time throughout the weekend to mobilize booms.

### **Oiled Wildlife**

- To report oiled wildlife, please call 1-866-557-1401 and leave a message. Messages will be checked hourly. Individuals are urged not to attempt to help injured or oiled animals, but to report any sightings to the toll free number.

### **Reporting Spills and Damages**

- To discuss spill related damage, please call 1-800-440-0858.
- To report oiled shoreline, please call 1-866-448-5816.

### **Wildlife Concerns**

While all wildlife and fish are at risk, May is the hatching season for the following:

#### *Birds*

- Black skimmer
- Black-bellied plover
- Brown pelican
- Bufflehead
- Common loon
- Common snipe
- Double-crested cormorant
- Dunlin
- Greater yellowlegs
- Killdeer
- Least sandpiper
- Least tern
- Lesser scaup
- Lesser yellow legs
- Lesser-golden plover
- Long-billed dowitcher
- Northern gannet
- Peep
- Red-breasted merganser
- Redhead
- Ruddy turnstone
- Sanderling
- Semipalmated plover
- Several types of sandpipers

- Shorebirds
- Short-billed dowitcher
- Snowy plover
- Whimbrel
- Willet
- Wilson's Phalarope

#### *Reptiles*

- Green sea turtle
- Loggerhead sea turtle

#### *Shellfish*

- American oyster
- Blue crab
- Blue crab
- Brown shrimp
- Pink shrimp
- Stone crab
- White shrimp

#### **For More Information**

- [www.santarosa.fl.gov](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov)
- Please monitor your home weather radio and local media outlets for the most up-to-date information.
- Your best defense in any disaster is a NOAA Weather radio.
- Citizens can sign up to automatically receive breaking news alerts from Santa Rosa County Emergency Management via e-mail or as a text message on their cell phone at:  
[www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/publicwarning.html](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/publicwarning.html).

#### **Citizen Information Line**

- The Citizens Information Line will be open Saturday and Sunday, May 1 & 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Citizens may call (850) 983-INFO (4636) with questions.

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