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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill #59
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Deepwater Horizon Incident Update #59
(Highlighted sections indicate new information)

In order to consolidate updates, information that is no longer new but remains valid is now located at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill.

Situation Update

- ***Navarre Beach and Santa Rosa's entire coastline is open for swimming and fishing.*** Two links to live Web cams on Navarre Beach are available at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the "Links for Visitors" tab.
- There are currently no swimming or fishing restrictions on Navarre Beach or anywhere in Santa Rosa County.
- Today, July 9, no new tar balls were reported on Navarre Beach and the beach is in good condition.
- Tar balls, tar patties and sheen have been reported in Northwest Florida, though fewer impacts have been observed in the last several days.
- According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil plume is 71 miles from Pensacola, 129 miles from Panama City and 311 miles from St. Petersburg. NOAA trajectory forecasts show portions of the oil plume expanding back to the east. However, no significant direct coastal impacts to beaches are currently forecast through the next three days.
- No significant tropical activity is expected through the next 48 hours.
- There are 80 workers scheduled to be cleaning Navarre Beach tonight, July 9.
- On July 7, Florida opened its first branch office committed to the oil spill response. The branch office is located in Pensacola and will serve both Escambia and Santa Rosa counties bringing together federal, state and local agencies to streamline response efforts. Santa Rosa County has had staff representation in the office since its implementation.
- ***In order to expedite responses to oiled wildlife, please contact the oiled wildlife hotline at 1-866-557-1401 if oiled wildlife is spotted. Qualified personnel will respond to the report. Please do not touch or try and clean oiled wildlife.***
- ***Citizens are asked not to have direct contact with oil and oil contaminated products such as tar balls, tar patties, tar mats, and oil sheen. Only qualified members should handle oil products and oil contaminated materials. To report tar or oil on the beach, call the Florida State Warning Point Line at 1-877-272-8335 or # DEP from a cell phone.***
- BP reports that as of July 7, there are 544 trained Santa Rosa County Qualified Community Responders. Learn more about qualified community responders at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill, under the "Fact Sheets and Q & A" heading.
- Pensacola Pass as well as Perdido Pass will continue to be closed with the tide to reduce the amount of oil from entering inland waters. These waterways are manned to allow access to necessary vessel traffic during low tide.

Volunteer Information

For more information visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the "Volunteer" tab.

- The Shoreline Users Resource Force, or SURF volunteer program trained 31 volunteers during the July 7 and 8 sessions on how to provide fact based information to locals and visitors on Navarre Beach. A three-

hour training course is required and more information on future courses will be available when they are scheduled. For more information contact the Santa Rosa County Help thy Neighbor Volunteer Center at (850) 983-5223 or Chris Verlinde at (850) 623-3868.

- To learn more about volunteer opportunities in our area, please contact the Santa Rosa County Volunteer Reception Center operated through Help Thy Neighbors at (850) 983-5223.

Health

For more information visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the “Health” tab.

- July 8 water testing by the University of West Florida showed no dissolved petroleum hydrocarbons above what is normal at Navarre Beach Pier and Santa Rosa Island.
- July 6 water testing by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection showed that there was no petroleum constituents found on Navarre Beach west.
- There is no planned use of dispersants in Florida waters. For information on dispersants visit [information on dispersants visit http://www.epa.gov/bpspill/dispersants.html#general2](http://www.epa.gov/bpspill/dispersants.html#general2).
- Air quality reports for July 5 revealed that air quality was considered good for ozone and fine particulate concentrations in the panhandle. “Good” means the air quality is satisfactory and air pollution poses little or no risk.

Santa Rosa County Actions

For more information view the *Situation Report and Incident Action Plan* at www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under “What’s Hot” on the “Main” tab.

- The Santa Rosa County water reconnaissance teams continue to survey water and boom conditions daily, weather permitting, providing real time information on oil products including photos and GPS coordinates.
- County staff and reconnaissance teams continue to monitor beach conditions daily generally from day break until 6 p.m., weather permitting.
- Staff continue to monitor cleanup and skimming operations performed by crews under the direction of unified command.
- Santa Rosa County and the State of Florida continue to make preparations to safeguard the state’s shoreline.

Booms

For more information visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the “Local Action Plan” tab.

- Santa Rosa County and the City of Gulf Breeze boom will remain open until further notice unless there is an imminent threat of oil product verified by state or local surveillance. In this case, the boom could be closed without prior notice and boaters can call (850) 602-0242 for emergency boom openings.
- Oil containment boom (in feet) total: 727,861 deployed in Florida
 - Tier 1 & 2: 442,400
 - Tier 3: 285,461 (deployed by Florida contractors)

BP Claims

For more information, including how to file a claim, visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the “Claims” tab.

- BP claims in Florida total 27,558 with approximately \$28,182,975.10 paid.
- BP claims in Santa Rosa County total 2,849 with approximately \$2,680,997 paid.

Small Business Disaster & Bridge Loans

For more information visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the “Business” tab.

- Florida’s Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program
 - Loan Applications:
 - Issued: 528
 - Accepted: 144
 - Declined: 47
 - Approved: 25
 - Loan amount approved: \$2,660,700.00

- SBA representatives opened a disaster loan office at the Navarre Visitor Information Center located at 8543 Navarre Parkway (U.S. Hwy 98) in Navarre. Hours of operations will be Monday-Friday. More information can be found at: www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/SERV_DISASTERASSISTANCEGOV.html

Fishing

For more information visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the “Boating, Fishing and Wildlife” tab.

- **All Santa Rosa County waters are currently open to fishing.**

Vessels of Opportunity (Boats) Program

For more information visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the “Boating, Fishing and Wildlife” tab.

- **507** vessels have been deployed in Florida for the Vessels of Opportunity program.

Important Phone Numbers

- **Florida Oil Spill Information Line**- is available from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. EDT daily for citizen’s questions. - 1-888-337-3569
- **Fraud Hotline**- 1-866-966-7226.
- **Submit Alternative Response Technology, or to Register as a Consultant, Contractor, or Vender of Services & Products**- email horizonsupport@oegllc.com or call 1-281-366-5511
- **Report Oiled Wildlife**- 1-866-557-1401
- **Report Oiled Shoreline to State Warning Point**- 1-877-2-SAVE-FL (1-877-272-8335) or #DEP from a cell phone
- **To Report Oiled Shoreline to BP**- 877-389-8932
- **BP Toll-Free Claims line**- 1800-440-0858
- **BP’s Community Information line**- 1-866-448-5816
- **Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner gas price-gauging hotline**: 1-800-HELP-FLA (1-800-435-7352).

General Safety Information

- www.santarosa.fl.gov
- 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.
- The Santa Rosa County Citizen Information Line at (850) 983-INFO or 4636 is open 24 hours daily.
- For general health information regarding the oil spill and exposure to oil spill products contact the Florida Poison Control information centers at 1-800-222-1222.

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