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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill #68
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Deepwater Horizon Incident Update #68
(Highlighted sections indicate new information)

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 23, there were no new tar balls reported on Navarre Beach.
- Isolated impacts are expected in Northwest Florida over the next 72 hours.
- The NOAA oil plume model shows that the oil plume is 75 miles from Pensacola, and 135 miles from Panama City. The NOAA trajectory forecasts scattered tar ball fields already near shore may be carried onshore along the Panhandle coast.
- Santa Rosa County is currently under a tropical storm warning, which means tropical storm conditions are expected sometime between Saturday afternoon or early Sunday morning. Our area can expect to see increased southeast wind flow of 40-45 mph.
- Reconnaissance will continue as weather permits and it is safe to do so.
- The State Emergency Response Team, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, has removed all supplemental tier three boom except for boom located at NAS Pensacola. The removed boom and equipment will be temporarily stored in a secure location and redeployed if oil spill impacts are projected. Questions on tier 3 boom removal should be directed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management Public Information- ESF 14 at: (850) 921-0217.
- Due to the potential tropical storm activity in the Gulf of Mexico, Unified Command began removing tier one and tier two boom. Visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under "What's Hot" for a letter to county commissioners from U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Zukunft regarding the tier one and two boom removal. Questions on tier 1 & 2 removal should be directed to Unified Command in Mobile JIC at: (251) 445-8965
- **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.**

Health

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

- July 22 water testing by the University of West Florida showed no dissolved petroleum hydrocarbons detected above what is normal at Navarre Beach Pier and Santa Rosa Island.
- July 19 water sampling by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection showed no petroleum-related contaminants at the Navarre Beach fishing pier. Sampling done on July 15 showed no petroleum-related contaminants at Navarre Beach West. Results are available at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/water.htm#counties>.

- Air quality reports for July 22 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.

- County staff and reconnaissance teams continue to monitor beach conditions daily generally from day break until 6 p.m., weather permitting.
- The Division 1 Branch office is operational and located in Pensacola. It serves 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.

Booms

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

- Oil containment boom (in feet) total: 609,761 deployed in Florida
 - Tier 1 & Tier 2: 445,000
 - Tier 3: 164,761 (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 32,907 with approximately \$44,806,510.97 paid.
- BP claims in Santa Rosa County total 3,682 with approximately \$4,369,872 paid.

Small Business Disaster & Bridge Loans

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

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.
- NOAA re-opened 26,388 square miles of area it had previously closed to commercial and recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in response to the BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill. All commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in the remaining closed area; however, transit through the area is allowed. To view the bulletin visit www.santarosa.fl.gov/oilspill under the “Boating Fishing and Wildlife” tab.

Vessels of Opportunity (Boats) Program

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

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

Volunteer Information

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

Important Phone Numbers

- **Florida Oil Spill Information Line**- is available from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. EDT daily for citizen’s questions- 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)
- ***The Florida Poison Control Centers-*** available for general health information regarding the oil spill and exposure to oil spill products- 1-800-222-1222
- ***Florida Gulf Recovery Jobs:*** 1-877-362-5034 or www.floridagulfrecoveryjobs.com

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.

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