



**Charlie Crist**  
**Governor**

**Situation Report # 50**  
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**Weather Summary:**

- **Relatively weak winds (up to 10 knots), low seas (below 2 feet) and low rain chances are expected to continue through the next 3 days, which will be favorable for surface oil recovery operations. Winds are light and variable but are expected to turn west-southwesterly in the afternoons. No tropical development is expected in the Atlantic Basin through the next 48 hours.**

**Current Situation:**

- **Florida beaches are open.**
- Unified Area Command estimates release rate of oil from Deepwater Horizon at 35,000 to 60,000 barrels per day. The containment dome is recovering approximately 15,000 barrels of oil and burning off millions of cubic feet of natural gas per day.
- This event has been designated a Spill of National Significance.
- Unified Area Command continues with a comprehensive oil well intervention and spill response planning following the April 22 sinking of the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling rig 130 miles southeast of New Orleans.
- More than **31,000** personnel are working the on and offshore response.
- Oil-water mix recovered: approximately **21.9** million gallons
- Response vessels available: more than **6,450**
- Response aircraft available: **94**
- Dispersant (in gallons): approximately **1,325,000** deployed
- **There is no planned use of dispersants in Florida waters.**

**Florida Specific:**

- **Night time beach clean-up began June 16, due to daily high heat index.**
- Tar balls and tar patties ranging in size from less than 1cm up to 12cm continue to be found in widely scattered areas of Northwest Florida. The heaviest impacts have been seen from Escambia County, Santa Rosa County and Okaloosa County.
- Perdido Pass and Pensacola Pass are being closed with the tide to prevent oil from entering inland waters. Boom will be deployed across each Pass at flood tide (incoming) and removed at ebb tide (outgoing).
- Oil Containment Boom (in feet) total: **365,810** deployed in Florida.
  - o Tier 1: 185,100 / Tier 2: 123,500 / **Tier 3: 57,210**
- In accordance with established plans, protective booming, staging, and boom maintenance is being conducted along the coast from Escambia to Franklin.
- **290** vessels are deployed in Florida for the Vessels of Opportunity program.
- **313** Qualified Community Responders are actively working the cleanup efforts in the Florida Panhandle.
- **According to the NOAA oil plume model, the oil plume remains 52 miles from Mexico Beach and 248 miles from St. Petersburg, with non contiguous sheens and scattered tarballs closer. Coastal regions near and west of Panama City may experience shoreline impacts by Friday.**
- **Scattered patches of sheen and tarballs remain in the Loop Current Ring. Observations continue to indicate that the Loop Current Ring has detached from the Loop Current, meaning that any scattered patches of sheen and tarballs will likely remain in the Loop Current Ring.**
- BP provided a \$100,000 grant through a Memorandum of Understanding with Volunteer Florida to maintain a database for the registration of volunteers.
- BP issued a \$25 million block grant to Florida; first priority is booming. BP issued a second \$25 million grant to Florida for tourism advertising campaign. BP issued another \$25 million to Florida for the state's preparedness and response efforts.
- BP claims in Florida total **14,788** with approximately **\$12,649,270.59** paid.
- The fishery failure declaration for the Gulf of Mexico includes Florida, providing impacted and eligible commercial fisheries the opportunity for federal support; it does *not* close fisheries.

**Florida Information Lines:**

- The Florida Oil Spill Information Line (FOSIL) is available from 8am-6pm EDT daily for citizens' questions at (888) 337-3569.
- For general health/exposures information questions related to the oil spill, contact the Florida Poison Control Center at 1-888-337-3569.
- Two public hotline numbers for oil spill investigation and cleanup:
  - o Impacted Wildlife: (866) 557-1401
  - o Oiled Shoreline: 1 (877) 2-SAVE-FL or #DEP for cellular devices
- The Florida Department of State has established a hotline for archeological, historical preservation, and tribal lands that may be impacted by the Deepwater Horizon incident: (850) 245-6530.

**Florida Information Websites:**

- **Volunteer registration:** [www.VolunteerFlorida.org](http://www.VolunteerFlorida.org) and click "Register to Help"
- **Health/environmental advisories:** <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/health.htm>
- **State sampling data:** [www.nrdata.org](http://www.nrdata.org)
- **GATOR web mapping application:** <http://map.floridadisaster.org/gator/>

**State Actions:**

- State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is at a Level 1 (Full), operating from 0700 to 1800 EDT, with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as the lead agency.
- Governor's Executive Orders 10-99, 10-100, and 10-106 declared a state of emergency for identified counties along the Florida coast.
- Governor's Executive Order 10-101 established the Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force, which will facilitate efforts by Florida businesses and industries to recover from the loss of commerce and revenues due to the oil spill.
- Governor Charlie Crist activated Florida's Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program to provide emergency, short-term loans to established small businesses in 26 designated counties.
- Conducting daily conference calls with county and emergency management partners, the Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and various Unified Commands.

SERT Personnel - Location	Personnel
Mobile Unified Command, Forward-State Emergency Response Team	23
Florida Peninsula Command, Miami Area Command in <b>New Orleans</b> , Louisiana	5
St. Petersburg Branch	2
Escambia	1
Santa Rosa	1

- A 5-7 member Federal Resource Coordinator (FRC) team from FEMA is assisting the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) with streamlining financial reimbursement processing.
- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued a partial harvesting closure of saltwater fish and marine vertebrates (does not apply to oysters, clams, and mussels). This closure covers state waters from the Alabama state line east to the Pensacola Beach water tower (23 miles east and out 9 nautical miles from coastline) from 6/14/10 until modified by a subsequent FWC executive order. Recreational catch and release is allowed.
- A SERT Toxicological Data Analysis Cell is now located at the SEOC to provide consistent scientific analysis and assessment of collected data sampling to inform local and state decision making.
- The Agency for Workforce Innovation and Regional Workforce Boards are identifying and filling jobs related to the oil spill: **5,090** positions advertised, **10,930** applicants referred. **Per BP: 2,401 personal trained/available for work.**
- **30** Florida National Guard (FLNG) personnel on duty; 5 plans personnel are working on scene at the SEOC.
- **13,928** volunteers have registered to respond to Deepwater Horizon.
- Business, Industry, and Economic Development has launched a national radio and print advertising campaign for Florida tourism.
- Conducting daily reconnaissance flights and shoreline patrol from Escambia to Gulf counties for impact. Real time reconnaissance reports are being entered into GATOR.
- **38** oiled birds have been recovered by FWC to date, 2 were released.
- The Boom Coordination Cell continues to coordinate additional boom requests. The Innovative Technology Cell continues to assess alternative clean-up technologies suggested by the public and stakeholders.
- The Small Business Administration has issued an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for the State of Florida. Disaster Loan Outreach Centers are open in 8 counties.
  - o Loan Applications
    - Issued: **346** Accepted: **78** Declined: **15** Approved: **2**
    - Loan amount approved: \$255,000.00

**Local States of Emergency**

- Bay: Expires on 6/17/10
- Dixie: Expires on 6/17/10
- Escambia: Expires on 6/18/10
- Franklin: Expires on 6/21/10
- Gulf: Expires on 6/21/10
- Okaloosa: Concurrent with State
- Santa Rosa: Expires on 6/18/10
- Sarasota: Expires on 6/21/10
- Wakulla: Expires on 6/21/10
- **Walton: Expires on 6/25/10**

**County EOC Activations**

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

**Federal Information Websites:**

- **NOAA GeoPlatform, response management application:** <http://www.geoplatform.gov/gulfresponse/>