

May 1, 2010

Status

Discharge rate is estimated at 210,000 gallons per day.

The oil will progress northward and eastward and is estimated to make landfall along the Mississippi and Alabama coastline as early as Monday morning. Other locations along the Florida panhandle may be affected by early next week.

Rough weather is forecast for the weekend and may cause heavy oil inundation to beach areas.

On-water response operations ceased late-afternoon Thursday due to the weather and are not anticipated to start again until Monday, May 3.

The Response

The first wildlife rehabilitation center is being established in Venice, LA, and a second is planned near Mobile, AL.

More than 41 miles of booming has been deployed, and more booming is available. Dispersant has been applied to more than 13 square miles of oil slick, which has been somewhat effective in controlling the spread of oil.

The Service is advising the Incident Command on methods to mitigate the damage from the oil on wildlife. It also is conducting, coordinating, and supervising search and capture for oiled wildlife.

The Service is conducting aerial flights to identify oiled wildlife and help facilitate recovery and treatment.