

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Status

- Weather continues to impact operations. Thirty three boat crews provided search and capture coverage along most of the Louisiana coast. Field teams reported few sightings of oiled birds.
- Oil found on Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge.
- Breton National Wildlife Refuge remains closed to public entry. Refuge managers acquired 8,000 feet of Navy boom
- Helicopter surveys will continue on Tuesday including around the barrier islands along the Mississippi coast.
- Mobile sector is working with state and other federal partners to plan for surveillance and wildlife recovery efforts on the ground and in the water.
- [Twenty five national wildlife refuges](#) could potentially be impacted.

The Response

- 181 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
- Current efforts to mitigate impacts to refuges and wildlife in Louisiana continue as well as significant ongoing work to prepare for potential impacts on Mississippi, Alabama and the west coast of Florida. Booming operations continued in the Mobile sector yesterday, though they were hampered by high winds. More than 823,000 feet of boom deployed across this sector so far.
- Daily flights are ongoing to assess the location of oil, status of boom, and impacts on wildlife and habitat.
- Wildlife surveys and aerial flights continue over Breton NWR.

The Spill by the numbers

- Total Vessels (including tugs and skimmers): More than 517
- Boom deployed: More than 1.5 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Boom available: More than 1.4 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Oil and Water Mix - Recovered: Approximately 4 million gallons
- Dispersant Used: Approximately 436,246 gallons
- Dispersant available: Approximately 120,000 gallons
- Overall Personnel Responding: Approximately 10,000
- 13 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include:

Amelia, La.

Cocodrie, La.

Biloxi, Miss.

Pensacola, Fla.

Venice, La.

Pascagoula, Miss.

Grand Isle, La.

Pass Christian, Miss.

Panama City, Fla.

Dauphin Island, Ala.

Shell Beach, La.

Slidell, La.

Theodore, Ala.
Orange Beach, Ala.