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Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government

Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

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Terrebonne Parish Information

1) Coast Guard representatives in Cocodrie reported:

- The National Incident Commander reports the diamond saw, which became stuck was freed at 3:10 PM on June 2.

- BP engineers plan to cut away a 3 inch section of the 4 lines and reposition the shear ram to complete the riser cut.

- The cutting of the Lower Marine Riser Package (LMRP) will start when the shear ram is completed. When the LMRP is in place, it is expected to recover approximately 15,000 barrels of oil per day.

- Drill Rig DDIII is at a depth of 12,090 feet below the drill floor and is 7 days ahead of schedule.

- Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team confirms emulsified oil on Petit Bois Island, MS (approximately 1 meter wide and 2 miles long). Incident Command Post Mobile, AL is receiving reports of tar balls onshore at Pascagoula Beach, MS (5 tar balls on beach, with more washing ashore).

- The Department of the Interior reports 5 platforms evacuated and wells secured. There are reports of platform personnel experiencing eye irritation, headaches, and burning of the sinuses.

- NOAA extended the northern boundary of the closed fishing area, leaving 63% of Gulf federal waters available for fishing (88,522 square miles affected, to date).

- With coordination of Air Operations, conduct aerial surveillance over edge of marshlands and Terrebonne Bay for oil sighting and direction of on-water shallow water task force.

- Personnel are conducting waterside surveillance for offshore and shoreline impact of oil.

- There is ongoing surveillance of boom. Personnel are to report any required boom maintenance to situation desk.

- Terrebonne Surveillance Group is instructed to photograph any oil pockets not being worked by operations.

- There is ongoing wildlife reconnaissance.
- Terrebonne Community Response Group is working with the local tribal representatives to continue boom deployment and maintenance at Pointe Aux Chene in the Lake Chien area.
- Total personnel in Cocodrie: 877.

Terrebonne Protection Group

- Task Force 1 (Alpha): Mission is deployment and maintenance of protective booming at Chaland Bay and Lake Barre’.
- Task Force 2 (Bravo): Mission is deployment and maintenance of protective boom East and West of Chaland Bay.
- Task Force 3 (Charlie): Mission is to maintain protective booming at Lil’ Bird (no name for island), Trinity, Wine, Whiskey, Raccoon, and Felicity Islands.

Boats/Vessels

- 9 skimmers (8 on cleanup in Terrebonne Bay and Belle Pass, 1 in Decontamination) remain in the field working the Cocodrie area.
- Deployment of Skimmers: 1 positioned between Wine Island and Trinity Island, 1 between Wine Island and Timbalier Island, 3 skimming designated routes in Lake Barre’ and Terrebonne Bay.
- 136 boats on site assisting with cleanup in Cocodrie.

Assignments:

Surveillance:	2
Decontamination:	3
Task Forces 1-3:	105
Recovery:	<u>26</u>
	136 Total

- 1 livable barge and tug now on Trinity Island under Global Marine to assist with beach/shoreline cleanup operations.
- 3 Jackup Rig task forces planned.

Boom

- Boom crew is now focusing on Tier 3 and Tier 4. Booming plans are nearly 40% complete.
- Crews ordered to wet store boom in Terrebonne Bayou at Placid Canal.

- Ongoing boom inventory in Cocodrie staging area.

Latest boom numbers:

1) Hard Boom:

a) Deployed 6/1/10: 2,021'

b) Total Deployed: 162,369'

2) Sorbent Boom:

a) Deployed 6/1/10: 2280'

b) Total Deployed: 83,900'

- Ongoing boom maintenance on Lil' Bird (no name for island), Trinity, Wine, Whiskey, Raccoon, and Felicity Islands including repairing, replacing and re-anchoring of boomed areas.

- Replacing anchors with t-posts for booming along the shore area to prevent boom from being displaced.

- Report of 7 vessels picking up contaminated absorbent boom and redeploying absorbent boom in Bay Barbue.

- Large jack-up barge using deflection boom on Lake Chien and absorbent boom around Lake Felicity.

Cleanup Progress

- Continued beach reconnaissance and manual recovery of discovered oil.

- Barge on station at Trinity Island for cleanup operations.

2) Oil impact reports:

- Report of brownish-reddish weathered oil "mousse" approximately dime to quarter size in diameter for approximately 1 mile along the gulf side of Trinity Island.

- Report of impact approximately 6' into the marsh along Bay Lefluer. It appeared to be an old impact from approximately 6 days ago.

3) Vessels of Opportunity Program:

Anyone interested in applying to becoming a Vessels of Opportunity (VOO) or crew member should call 281-366-5511

Helpful Information

British Petroleum Claims Center

BP has opened the following claims centers in Terrebonne to process claims for those who have lost income due to the recent spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

1. **814 Grand Caillou Rd. Suites 2 & 3- Plaza Caillou Shopping Center - (8:00 AM and 7:00 PM, seven days a week).**

2. **5703 Highway 56, Chauvin - (7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, seven days a week).**

Those wishing to seek claims should bring photo identification as well as all necessary documentation to verify income from previous years.

BP has set up a toll free hotline. For oil spill related damage claims call 1-800-440-0858.

Department of Social Services

A temporary Food Stamp distribution center has been set up at the Chauvin Senior Center to take applications for their regular program. This is **not** emergency food stamps. Applications will be taken from 8:00 am to 3:00pm Monday through Friday until further notice. For more information call the main office at 857-3620.

SBA

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has also opened an office on **the first floor of the Government Tower located at 8026 Main Street**. Their operating hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

The Small Business Administration is taking applications for low-interest loans. This program is available to Louisiana Gulf Coast small businesses suffering financial losses related to the BP oil spill. Contact SBA's customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 for further details.

LIHEAP

Funds are available to assist persons with a utility disconnect notice. Call 985-873-6817 for more information.

Crisis Rent and Mortgage Assistance

Persons that have been laid off or suffered a reduction in work hours may qualify for assistance with delinquent mortgage or rental payments. Documentation of need and household income is required to determine eligibility. For more information call 985-873-6817.

Beautiful Beginnings Center

The Beautiful Beginnings Center provides temporary shelter to eligible families with children. To be considered eligible families must be considered homeless. Parents must be working or willing to gain employment. Call 985-580-8105 for more information.

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing

Both Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services and START Corporation are providing homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services which includes, but is not limited to, rental assistance, utility deposits and utility payments.

Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services - 985-851-4488

START Corporation - 985-879-3966

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Regular unemployment benefits are available to qualified individuals who have lost their job due to the oil spill. For more information call 866-783-5567 or visit their website at www.laworks.net.

Crisis Counseling

Counseling is available to those affected by the oil spill through the Terrebonne Mental Health Center. They can be contacted at 985-857-3615. Crisis counseling is also available through the Center for Child and Family Development at 985-873-7221 and Options for Independence at 985-876-8630.

Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (DSNAP) (aka Disaster Food Stamps)

There is a public information campaign making people aware that all low- to moderate-income Louisianians may be eligible for **Disaster Food Stamp** benefits in the event of a natural disaster and should pre-apply now for benefits online or by phone. Current Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients do not need to pre-apply and would receive disaster benefits automatically. Please visit online at dss.louisiana.gov or call 1-888-524-3578.

