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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:

- Maximum recovery capacity from the TOP HAT is 15,000 barrels per day with the current setup in place.
- With the addition of the Storage Vessel Q4000, the recovery capacity will be 25,000 barrels per day at the surface.
- Drill Rig DDII (relief well) is connecting the Blowout Preventer to the wellhead. A test will be conducted today or tomorrow.
- Drill Rig DDIII (relief well) drilling operations were suspended due to a Blowout Preventer control panel issue. Drilling operations will not resume on DDIII until this issue is resolved.
- Vents on the Lower Marine Riser Package are being adjusted to provide optimum efficiency.
- Personnel are conducting waterside surveillance for offshore and shoreline impact of oil.
- Total personnel in Cocodrie: 764.
- BP received approval to increase the allowable amount of sub-surface dispersant during the last operational period.
- The 910th Air Wing of the United States Air Force has completed its aerial dispersant mission. Contracted civilian aircraft are now performing all aerial dispersant spray operations.
- Weather is expected to be poor to marginal for skimming operations until June 7.
- NOAA reports that the Primary oil plume is 120 miles from Clearwater/Tampa, Florida. Tar balls and sheen have been discovered in Escambia County, Florida.

Boats/Vessels

· 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

Boom

· Boom crew is now focusing on Tier 3 and Tier 4. Booming plans are nearly 40% complete.

· Ongoing boom inventory in Cocodrie staging area.

Latest boom numbers:

1) Hard Boom:

- a) Deployed 6/5/10: 1500'
- b) Total Deployed: 164,060'

2) Sorbent Boom:

- a) Deployed 6/5/10: 0*
- b) Total Deployed: 83,900'*

*No change due to inclement weather.

· Beached boom was reported on the Gulf side of Trinity Island from Trinity Bayou to the West. Also, 1000 feet of boom had broken free and was floating on the bay side of Trinity Island.

· Beached boom was reported on the gulf side of Timbalier Island.

· Half of the deployed boom on Wine Island near Cat Island Pass has broken free, washed up on the beach and is in need of maintenance.

· 1 Jackup barge staged behind Trinity Island, 1 spud barge staged on Trinity Bayou, and 1 supply barge staged on the bay side of Trinity Island. All are deploying containment boom.

Cleanup Progress

· Continued beach reconnaissance and manual recovery of discovered oil.

2) Oil impact reports:

- Freshly oiled vegetation, with approximately 30% coverage, and debris washed ashore Trinity Island in the last 48 hours.
- New tar balls, approximately 1.5 inches in diameter, and fresh oil was reported 200 feet from the eastern tip and heading west on West Timbalier Island. Also, on West Timbalier Island's Gulf side, there was reported impacted vegetation covering approximately 2% of the beach for 1000 yards. There were 1 inch tar balls on the beach but no oil was floating in the water.
- New accumulations of oiled vegetation and tar balls were reported up to 3 feet on the eastern shore line of an unnamed shell island north of Whiskey Island.

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.