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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:

- Personnel in Cocodrie are conducting boom maintenance and waterside surveillance for offshore and shoreline impact of oil.
- Sea Boom is being deployed in sections where previously deployed boom has been ineffective and/or misplaced.
- Total personnel in Cocodrie: 894
- National Incident Commander reports that the daily average oil recovery is estimated at 16,000 barrels per day.
- Drill Rig DDII casing is set at 8,567 feet. Its well depth is 8,650 feet. The Blowout preventer and riser have landed, latched up and are expected to drill out today. Drilling is on day 12 of 104.
- The National Incident Commander (NIC) reports offloading oil to the MASSACHUSETTS continues and is scheduled to be completed today. The shuttle tanker CASCADE will be utilized once the MASSACHUSETTS is at 120,000 barrels capacity.
- Drill Rig DDIII casing is set at 12,057 feet, with a well depth of 13,978 feet; drilling is on day 37 of 104. DDIII is currently running the casing hanger.
- One vent remains closed on the TOP HAT. Engineers are awaiting the stoppage of flowing oil from the bottom of the TOP HAT to close the other 3 vents.

Boats/Vessels

- Deployment of Skimmers: 4 each in Terrebonne Bay and Barrataria 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

· Ongoing boom inventory in Cocodrie staging area.

Latest boom numbers:

1) Hard Boom:

a) Deployed 6/10/10: -4,369'*

b) Total Deployed: 189,397'

2) Sorbent Boom:

a) Deployed 6/10/10: 680'

b) Total Deployed: 91,940'

*Due to crews picking up damaged boom.

· Approximately 12 boats were performing containment boom maintenance on the bay side of Raccoon Island. They were also picking up soiled containment boom and boom that had been stranded on the bay side of the island.

· Reported from Wine Island that there were 3 boats in the area. There was 1 john boat, 1 safety boat and 1 work boat carrying containment boom.

· Reported from the north end point of Lake Felicity that the absorbent boom there was heavily damaged and in need of replacement.

Cleanup Progress

· Continued beach reconnaissance and manual recovery of discovered oil.

· Reported that a crew of (50) personnel were working behind Trinity Island – which included (44) personnel performing clean-up, (3) personnel staged in Cocodrie, and (4) personnel on the jackup barge. The crew was tasked with cleaning up the beaches in Terrebonne Parish. The crew was presently on a stop order waiting for an additional barge to bring in access vehicles to the beach. Crews walked the beach for approximately 2 miles in each direction and collected (700) bags of debris. Debris included tar balls (up to approximately 6"-8" in diameter) and small pancake pieces of oil. Crews were also removing the small micro droplets of oil and tar balls on the wave zone.

2) Oil impact reports:

- Reported from Gulf side of Timbalier Island near 19th Canal that there were old oil droplets and oil mats. 3 isolated areas appeared to have new oil droplets with 95% being less than ¼ inch and 5% being up to 1 inch. There were approximately 200 small droplets per square meter.
- No oil was spotted in Little Pass.
- No new oil was observed in Terrebonne Bay or behind Timbalier 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

OIL SPILL RESPONDERS

TO HOLD TERREBONE PARISH COMMUNITY EXPO

HOUMA, La. (*June 9, 2010*) – Representatives from BP, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Wildlife and Fisheries, the Environmental Protection Agency and other state and partner agencies responding to the Deepwater Horizon incident, will host an Open House Expo Friday, June 11, 2010 in Terrebonne Parish at the Houma Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd. in Houma starting at 6 pm.

The Open House Expo will offer Terrebonne residents the opportunity to engage one-on-one with experts about the techniques, strategies and materials being used in the spill response.

“We want to keep the local communities informed with the most accurate and timely information we have,” said Coast Guard Capt. Roger Leferriere, commander at the Incident Command Post in Houma, La. “We want to communicate with the public and provide them with first-hand information on the topics that concern them most.”

The Expo will feature experts and representatives from responding agencies who will answer questions and provide visual information on the various tools, equipment and strategies that are being used in the response, including booms, burns, sand berms, skimming and dispersants. Agencies will be available to address concerns about environmental quality, wildlife, safety and resources available to residents. Information will also be available on the Vessels of Opportunity (VOO) Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and volunteer and employment efforts. Claims representatives will be

available for any questions or concerns residents might have on the claims process. For more information contact Lisa Burns at: (985) 209-8082

Training Opportunities for Deck Hands and Beach Clean-up Workers

Local training sessions have been scheduled for residents interested in becoming employed for the response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Residents interested in working on a beach clean-up crew or as a deck hand on a vessel responding to the spill can attend this free training. Training organizers on site will provide information on how to seek employment in these fields.

Each location will feature two training sessions per day with the morning training at 9:00 A.M. and the afternoon training beginning at 2:00 P.M. The training location schedule is as follows:

The Larose VFW Hall (*located at 2322 VFW Ave., just off West 23rd St. in Larose*) will host training sessions on Tuesday, June 8, and Tuesday, June 15.

The BP Annex (*located at 5703 Hwy. 56 in Chauvin*) will host training sessions on Wednesday, June 9, and Wednesday, June 16.

The Grand Isle Community Center (*located at 3811 Hwy. 1 in Grand Isle*) will host training sessions on Saturday, June 12, and Saturday June 19.

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.