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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:

- A large percentage of the protection boom currently in place are in offshore positions and are currently boomed with either 18 or 20 inch harbor boom meant for protected waters. This is hampering both the ability to maintain proper protection/placement of the boom and is a resource drain to re-set the majority of all booms on a daily basis.
- Total personnel in Cocodrie: 733
- National Incident Commander reports that the daily average oil recovery is estimated at 15,000 barrels per day.
- The "Top Cap" continues to collect 15,000 barrels of fluid per day. BP plans to continue with the side manifolds at the well head.
- Heat continues to be an issue with over 105 degree heat index. Next week, breezes may bring some relief from temperatures.
- Cocodrie requests improved communications with the Pointe Aux Chenes Camp. Cecil Lawson was not notified of the establishment of the jack barge. He only realized that it was there when his own personnel reported it being there.
- The Marine Safety and Security Team discovered some potential debris from the Deepwater Horizon.
- Security at Cocodrie has been turned over to a private security company. The Louisiana National Guard had previously been conducting security.
- Drilling Rig DDIII relief well was 40-45 days into the 100 day well plan and was on track. Drilling Rig DDII was drilling out and was at around 8,000 feet.
- BP is tying the subsea manifold to the wellhead and to the Q4000 drilling ship on the surface.

Boats/Vessels

· 3 Offshore Staging Areas are established comprised of:

1) Offshore Staging Unit 1

- 4 Fast Response Vessels
- 5 Jon Boats
- 3 Deck Barges
 - 2 Frac Tanks
 - 2 Clean Trash Dumpsters
 - 1 Diesel Tank and 1 Gas Tank
 - 3 Tugs
- 1 Crew Boat
- Lift Boat
 - 1 Medical Personal
 - 1 Cook/Chef
 - 2 Deck Hands
 - 5 Boat Captains
 - 1 Fast Resonse Vessel
 - 1 Safety (Daniel Lapeyrouse)
- Living Quaters
 - 50 Man Living

2) Offshore Staging Unit 2

- Personnel
- Captain
 - Mate
 - 2 Deckhands
 - 1 Cook
 - 1 Medic
 - 5 Boat Captains
 - 2 Fast Response Boats
 - 5 Jon Boats
- 3 Deck Barges
 - 1 Frac Tank
 - 3 Tugs
 - 3 Crew Boats
 - 1 Lift Boat
 - Living Quarters
 - 50 Man Living

3) Offshore Staging Unit 3

- 4 Fast Response Vessels
- 5 Jon Boats
- 3 Deck Barges
 - 1 Frac Tank
 - 1 Conex Box
- 1 Lift Boat (23 Man Living)
- 3 Tugs

- Deployment of Skimmers: 5 total: 1 between Wine and Trinity. 1 between Wine and Timbalier. 3 in Lake Barre and Terrebonne Bay.

- 139 boats on site assisting with cleanup in Cocodrie.

Assignments:

Surveillance:	2
Decontamination:	3
Task Forces 1-3:	108
Recovery:	<u>26</u>
	139 Total

Boom

- Boom Maintenance continues to make up the majority of the operations being conducted out of Cocodrie. Harbor boom is being replaced with more robust Sea boom that is better suited for the conditions.

- Boom maintenance is being conducted at all sites in Terrebonne Parish, with an emphasis on our barrier islands.

Cleanup Progress

- Continued beach reconnaissance and manual recovery of discovered oil.

- Clean up continues onshore.

2) Oil impact reports:

- Reported from the Bay side, north of Whiskey Pass that a line of tan colored light oil mousse emulsion was observed on the current line.

- Reported from the sulphur mine that a line of emulsion approximately 10 feet wide and 350 yards long was observed.

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

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.