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### Resources Guide to Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Crisis

*As you are aware, on April 20, 2010, an explosion and fire occurred on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico. This unprecedented disaster resulted in 11 worker fatalities, significant oil releases, and a national crisis response effort in the Gulf of Mexico region by the federal and state governments as well as the operator, BP. The oil spill has damaged natural resources and resulted in significant regional economic impacts.*

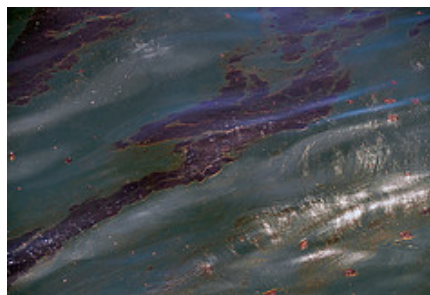
*The Deepwater Horizon disaster has implications far beyond the shores of the Gulf States. As oil continues to leak into the Gulf of Mexico, with an estimated daily oil spill flow rate up to 60,000 barrel per days, we have seen with clarity that existing safety standards and contingency plans for drilling operations may not be sufficient to provide the level of protection that the American people expect and deserve.*

*To address this critical situation, Federal, state and industry leaders must bring all resources to bear to resolve the primary cause of the gas leak, mitigate the effects of the spill and protect Florida and the Gulf region's coastline and the resulting implications for the ecosystem and economy. While many Florida coastal areas are open for business, immediate economic impacts include a decline in tourism affecting the state and region.*

*Below you will find links to official resources and the most up-to-date information on the oil spill crisis in the Gulf, including detailed materials on the Florida response.*



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. -- The crew of the Coast Guard surveys coastal waters for oil



PERDIDO KEY, Fla. - A large oil slick off of Perdido Key, Fla.

#### **Links to Official Resources:**

[www.geoplatform.gov/gulfresponse/](http://www.geoplatform.gov/gulfresponse/) The site integrates the latest data from federal responders on the oil spill's trajectory with fishery area closures, wildlife data and Gulf Coast resources including pinpointed locations of oiled shoreline, live video footage and interactive maps.

[www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com) The official site for the Deepwater Unified Command on the government and BP's response efforts, including current recovery information at the subsea and surface level, information on how to volunteer or offer technical suggestions to address the impact of the spill.

[www.noaa.gov/](http://www.noaa.gov/) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) site provides scientific expertise including oil spill trajectory models and advice on marine life and resources at risk.

<http://ocean.floridamarine.org/ACP/STPACP/StartHere.html> Florida site contingency plans.

[http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater\\_horizon\\_oil\\_spill.htm](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm) Current fisheries closure information and maps.

### **Key Contact Numbers:**

- Report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information: (866) 448-5816 (See below)
- Submit alternative response technology, services or products: (281) 366-5511
- Submit your vessel for the Vessel of Opportunity Program: (281) 366-5511
- Submit a claim for damages: (800) 440-0858
- Report oiled wildlife: (866) 557-1401
- Medical support hotline: (888) 623-028

### **Volunteer Opportunities**



*ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. -- Members of a Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technology (SCAT) team take part in a hands-on training exercise, learning proper oil-handling and documentation procedures.*

### **Florida Command Post Partners with Volunteer Organization to Boost Cleanup Effort**

In response to growing public interest about opportunities to participate in the nation's largest oil spill cleanup effort, the Florida Peninsula Command Post has partnered with [Volunteer Florida](http://volunteerflorida.org/) <http://volunteerflorida.org/>, a state-based volunteer organization, to match local volunteers with local volunteer groups. For more information about other non-paid, volunteer opportunities, as well as paid positions that require additional training and/or expertise, visit [www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com).

## Oil Spill Response

Volunteer Florida is working closely with the State Emergency Operations Center in order to provide the most current information regarding the oil spill. Visit [Volunteer Florida's disaster site](#) for the most up-to-date information.

<http://volunteerflorida.org/>

There has been a tremendous amount of support from volunteers who have prepared Florida's coast for the oil spill.

**As of Monday, June 28, 3,250 volunteers have served 19,467 hours on oil spill response activities.**

***Thank you for keeping the volunteer spirit alive in Florida!***

[Click here for oil spill volunteer opportunities by county.](#)

[Oil Spill Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [Register as a volunteer](#)
- [Coast Watchers](#)
- [Beach Cleanup Information](#)
- [Volunteer Resources & Websites](#)
- [Out-of-State Volunteers](#)
- [Employment Opportunities](#)



*PENSACOLA, Fla. - A Coast Guard lieutenant inspects oil that has washed into on a Pensacola beach.*



*KEY LARGO, Fla. – Vessel's patrol Florida Bay*



*PETERSBURG, Fla. -- Coast Guard Air Station Officer prior to taking off from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, Fla., for a survey flight of the Gulf of Mexico. The Air Station Elizabeth City aircrew has been flying survey flights of the Gulf in support of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill response.*