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National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Subcommittee to Sponsor Oil Spill Science Investigators Conference

DATES: October 5-6, 2010

LOCATION: Hosted by the University of South Florida
Don CeSar Resort
3400 Gulf Boulevard
St. Petersburg, FL 33706

The NSTC's Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology (JSOST) will sponsor a two-day forum for scientific investigators working on BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill-related research in St. Petersburg, FL on October 5-6. In conjunction with the University of South Florida, which is hosting the event, the meeting will provide an opportunity for scientists from public, private, and academic institutions to exchange overviews of research, monitoring, and sampling projects; form new collaborations; interact with federal agency scientists and staff; and make recommendations for long-term research priorities.

This two-day meeting is targeted at academic, government, and other researchers who have conducted or will conduct research related to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. About 110 participants are expected. The first day of plenary and breakout sessions will focus on what has been done; day two will concentrate on what still needs to be done.

KEY SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Larry Robinson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA**
- **Dr. Jerry Miller, Co-Chair, JSOST, Office of Science and Technology Policy**
- **Dr. Steve Murawski, Co-Chair, JSOST, NOAA**
- **Dr. David Conover, Director, Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF**

REGISTRATION AND FULL AGENDA:

<http://www.marine.usf.edu/conferences/fio/NSTC-JSOST-PI/index.shtml>

NOTE TO MEDIA:

Plenary sessions will be open press; breakout sessions will be closed press.

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