

# Government Response to the BP Oil Spill

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## More Information for Mississippi

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While the EPA would like to answer all of your concerns and strives to help in every way we can, some areas of the Gulf response are not controlled by the EPA. To ensure all your questions are answered, we've included some frequent questions below, as well as the appropriate contact information.

### What steps are being taken to ensure the workers in the Gulf are safe?

Please contact the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration at [www.osha.gov/oilspills](http://www.osha.gov/oilspills), or 1-800-321-OSHA (6742). You can also call your local OSHA office: Jackson, MS – 1-601-965-4606

### What will happen to the response efforts if there's a hurricane? How should I protect myself?

Please contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or 1-800- 621-FEMA (3362).

### I'm out of work because of the oil spill. How can I get help?

President Obama arranged with BP on June 15 to compensate workers and business owners who have been harmed as a result of the spill. The next day, BP began a \$20 billion claims fund that is being controlled by an independent party to ensure claims are paid out quickly and fairly. This process is free of charge. You can file claims online at [www.bp.com](http://www.bp.com) or over the phone at toll-free 1-800-440-0858.

### How can I help the response efforts?

- General volunteer opportunities: 1-866-448-5816
- Report injured or oiled animals: 1-866-557-1401
- Report oiled shorelines: 1-866-448-5816
- Register boats to assist with response or submit technology: 1-866-279-7983

### Local resources

To receive updates or sign up to be a volunteer, visit [www.volunteermisissippi.org](http://www.volunteermisissippi.org). Or visit your local response center:

Hancock County Resource Agency  
454 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis  
[hancockvrc@gmail.com](mailto:hancockvrc@gmail.com) or 1-228-596-5546.

Jackson County, Camp Victor  
1515 Government Street, Ocean Springs  
[jacksonvrc@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonvrc@gmail.com) or 1-228-382-7358.

Harrison County ,Knight Nonprofit Center  
11975 Seaway Road, Gulfport  
[harrisonvrc@gmail.com](mailto:harrisonvrc@gmail.com) or 1-228-596-5780.

If your question was not answered above, please contact the Deepwater Horizon Incident Joint Information Center at [www.restorethegulf.gov](http://www.restorethegulf.gov) or 1-985-902-5231.

