

The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater BP Oil Spill

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BP Continues to Capture Some Oil and Gas Using Containment Device

BP continues to capture some oil and burn some gas at the surface using its containment dome technique, which is being executed under the federal government's direction. After cutting off a portion of the riser, BP placed a containment device over it in order to capture oil at its source.

Survey Flights to Locate Impacted Wildlife Continue

Survey crews conducted three cycles of flights to locate impacted birds and other wildlife. These pilots fly over impacted areas and report oiled pelicans and any other wildlife back to response command centers to guide the response actions of rescue and rehabilitation teams.

SCAT Teams Dispatched in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida

Five shoreline cleanup assessment technique (SCAT) teams—federal, state and BP officials working to assess and determine how cleanup will be conducted, and oversee cleanup operations—have been dispatched across Alabama, Mississippi and Florida.

In addition, federal resource advisors—responsible for ensuring workers follow the proper clean-up methodologies and provide them with vital information—have been reassigned to areas across the Gulf Coast where oil is beginning to appear on shore. Additional resource advisors are being recruited. The Department of the Interior currently has more than 700 personnel working in the area as part of the administration's all-hands-on-deck response.

Administration Continues to Oversee BP's Claims Process

The administration will continue to hold the responsible parties accountable for repairing the damage, and repaying Americans who've suffered a financial loss as a result of the BP oil spill. BP reports that 37,193 claims have been opened, from which more than \$48.4 million have been disbursed. No claims have been denied to date. There are 514 claims adjusters on the ground. To file a claim, visit www.bp.com/claims or call BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at (800) 280-7118.

By the Numbers to Date:

- The administration has authorized 17,500 National Guard troops from Gulf Coast states to participate in the response to the BP oil spill.
- More than 20,000 personnel are currently responding to protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines.
- More than 2,700 vessels are responding on site, including skimmers, tugs, barges, and recovery vessels to assist in containment and cleanup efforts—in addition to dozens of aircraft, remotely operated vehicles, and multiple mobile offshore drilling units.
- Approximately 2.16 million feet of containment boom and 2.39 million feet of sorbent boom have been deployed to contain the spill—and approximately 682,000 feet of containment boom and 2.4 million feet of sorbent boom are available.
- Approximately 15.5 million gallons of an oil-water mix have been recovered.
- Approximately 1.08 million gallons of total dispersant have been deployed—779,000 on the surface and 303,000 subsea. More than 240,000 gallons are available.
- 125 controlled burns have been conducted, efficiently removing a total of more than 3.2 million gallons of oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife.

- 17 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines, including: Dauphin Island, Ala., Orange Beach, Ala., Theodore, Ala., Panama City, Fla., Pensacola, Fla., Port St. Joe, Fla., St. Marks, Fla., Amelia, La., Cocodrie, La., Grand Isle, La., Shell Beach, La., Slidell, La., St. Mary, La.; Venice, La., Biloxi, Miss., Pascagoula, Miss., and Pass Christian, Miss.