

U.S. Coast Guard Deepwater Horizon Incident Response Summary



## Background:



### Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) Deepwater Horizon (DWH)

 Dynamically positioned, semi-submersible drilling unit located over 50 miles offshore Louisiana

#### Day 1 – April 20th

- D8 Command Centers notified of fire/explosion on MODU DWH approx 10:00 pm
- Initiated SAR efforts
- Coordinated firefighting efforts
- Established incident command post



### Timeline & Key Events





## Incident Commanders

- Positions filled by Coast Guard Captains
- Teamed with senior BP official and State On Scene Coordinators to lead all tactical operations
- Designated FOSC(r) authorities
- Responsible for :
  - Key point of contacts for Governors, State and local government/community outreach
  - Deploy shore cleanup teams to process hazardous materials and oil
  - Oversee the operations of branch commanders
  - Oversee local, tactical response operations
  - Vessel of Opportunity Employment
  - Strategic Communications





## **Concept of Operations**





## **Offshore Operations**





- Skimming
- In-Situ Burning
- Dispersants
  - Surface
  - Subsurface



### Nearshore Operations



#### Vessels of Opportunity





Skimmers

## Bays and Beaches Operations





- Skimmers
- Boom & Barrier Establishment
- Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams
- Clean-up Personnel
- Wildlife Recovery Personnel



### Source Control Efforts

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### **Critical Resources**

- More than 48,000 responders
  Equipment/Resources
  - 2,998 Coast Guard
  - 1,819 National Guard
  - 41,370 Contractors
  - 731 BP
- <u>2015 Volunteers</u>





- 9,700 vessels at peak
- 60 CG vessels deployed to scene
- 127 aircraft
  - 78 rotary wing and 45 fixed wing
  - 22 Coast Guard aircraft







# Fate of Oil

- 4.93 million barrels oil discharged (estimated)
- 800,000 barrels oily water recovered
- More than 400 in-situ burns conducted
- 265,000+ barrels mitigated through burns
- 1.8 million gallons of dispersants applied



- Surface
- Subsurface





### Sheer Scope and Complexity of the Spill

- 5 States Effected
- Oil Containment Boom/Skimmers
  - 13.5 million ft
  - 835 skimmers
  - How much is enough?
- Over 50 Miles Offshore
- Area of the spill
- Depth: 5000 FT
- Overlapping issues
  - Oil Containment and recovery
  - Hurricane Season
  - Wildlife
  - Fishery Management
  - Tourism
- Subsea Oil Monitoring Plan



## Moving Forward



- Transition to Long-Term Recovery and Natural Resources Damage Assessments and Public Health programs...continue to work to restore the Gulf Region to pre-spill conditions.
- Capture Lessons Learned and Identify potential Areas for Improvement and implement recommendations to more effectively respond to future spills.
- Review the National Contingency Plan and National Response Framework to identify National-level issues to enhance public's expectation for a coordinated, 'whole of government' response to Incidents of National Significance.