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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Oil Spill In The Gulf
Recovery Timeline



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<p>Tuesday. 4/20/2010</p>	<p>Search and Rescue</p>	<p>The U.S. government response to the BP Oil Spill began immediately after the explosion on the night of April 20 as an emergency search-and-rescue mission. At approximately 10:30 p.m. that night, notification was received that Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) Deepwater Horizon had exploded and was on fire. The rig was located 45 miles southeast of Venice, La.</p>
	<p>Establish Command Center to Address Potential Environmental Impacts</p>	<p>Concurrently, the administration also quickly establishes a command center on the Gulf Coast to address the potential environmental impact of the event and to coordinate with all state and local governments. Since this point, the administration has continuously anticipated and planned for a worst-case scenario.</p>
	<p>NOAA Mobilizes to Provide Trajectory Support</p>	<p>The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) mobilizes within three hours of the explosion and started to provide trajectory support and coordinated scientific weather and biological response services. The NOAA weather forecast office in Slidell, La., also provided weather information to the Coast Guard at its request shortly after the explosion to support initial search-and-rescue operations.</p>
	<p>The President is Alerted</p>	<p>The President is alerted to the event and he begins actively monitoring the situation. At the time, it was known that 126 people were on the rig when the explosion occurred.</p>
	<p>Assets Deployed To Date</p>	<p>Total response vessels: Two Coast Guard cutters. Total response aircraft: Four helicopters and one rescue plane.</p>

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Wednesday, 4/21/2010	Deputy Secretary of Interior David Hayes is Deployed to the Gulf Coast	<p>The morning after the explosion, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar deployed Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes to the Gulf Coast to assist with coordination and response to the event, and provide hourly reports to Secretary Salazar and other administration officials.</p>
	Interagency Coordination Begins Across the Government, Federal On-Scene Coordinator is Named and Regional Response Team is Stood Up	<p>Interagency coordination begins immediately among federal partners—including the Coast Guard; the Departments of Homeland Security (DHS), Commerce (DOC), Interior (DOI); and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—providing federal assets and overseeing BP’s response. Pursuant to the National Contingency Plan, Rear Admiral Mary Landry was named the Federal On-Scene Coordinator and a Regional Response Team was stood up that included the U.S. Coast Guard, DHS, DOC/NOAA, DOI and the EPA, as well as state and local representatives. The Regional Response Team immediately began developing plans, providing technical advice and access to resources and equipment from its member agencies, and overseeing BP’s response.</p>
	The Administration Oversees BP’s Response	<p>The administration begins holding meetings and regular calls with BP leadership to discuss BP’s response effort, as well as federal oversight and support, and urged BP to leverage additional assets to help respond to this event.</p>
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	Interagency Joint DHS-DOI Investigation Begins	<p>Secretary Salazar and Secretary Napolitano direct that a joint investigation begin into the cause of the event. The investigation, jointly led by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Minerals Management Service (MMS), are given subpoena power, will hold public hearings, and call witnesses. MMS and USCG begin interviewing rig personnel.</p>
	National Park Service Plans Contingencies to Protect Vulnerable Parks Along Gulf Coast	<p>The National Parks Service (NPS) Spill Response Coordinator, Regional Emergency Services Coordinator, and Deputy Chief of Emergency Services begin strategic planning of contingencies to protect potentially vulnerable national parks along the Gulf Coast.</p>

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Wednesday, 4/21/2010 (Cont'd)	MMS Establishes Ops Center and Deploys Staff to BP and Transocean Command Posts	MMS establishes an Emergency Operations Center at its Gulf of Mexico Regional Office in New Orleans, and deployed employees to the BP Incident Command Post (ICP) and the Transocean ICP in Houston.
	NOAA Selects Scientific Support Coordinator and Deploys Him to USCG Command Post	NOAA Environmental Scientist Charlie Henry arrive on site at the Coast Guard's Command Post in Morgan City, La., to serve as NOAA's Scientific Support Coordinator. NOAA issued the initial trajectory advice and began providing them twice daily.
	The President is Briefed	The President monitors the response and is briefed throughout the day by the White House Situation Room.
	Search and Rescue Continues	Of the 126 total people on the rig at the time of the event, 115 crew members were accounted for. The Coast Guard continued to actively search for all 11 individuals still missing through the night, with multiple units, vessels and aircraft responding.
	Daily Response On-Site Press Briefing Begins	The first in a daily series of press briefings was conducted between the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Coast Guard, BP and Transocean.
	Assets Deployed To Date	Total response vessels: Two Coast Guard cutters Total response aircraft: Four helicopters and one rescue plane

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<p>Thursday. 4/22/2010</p>	<p>Deepwater Horizon Oil Rig Sinks</p>	<p>At approximately 10:22 a.m., the oil rig sank with approximately 700,000 gallons of diesel fuel on board.</p>
	<p>The National Response Team (NRT) is Activated</p>	<p>On the afternoon of April 22, the National Response Team (NRT) convenes its first daily meeting with leadership from across the federal government, including the White House, U.S. Coast Guard, the Department of Defense, DHS, DOC, DOI and EPA, among others. The NRT is an organization of 16 federal departments and agencies responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness and response to oil and hazardous substance pollution events. During this event, NRT meetings have been run by Secretary Napolitano.</p>
	<p>The President Convenes a Principal Level Meeting: “Treat This Response as The Number One Priority”</p>	<p>The President convenes a meeting in the Oval Office with principals across the government to discuss the situation and ongoing response efforts, and ordered that the administration use every single available resource at its disposal to respond to the event and investigate its cause. A readout was issued to press stating: “The President made sure that the entire federal government was offering all assistance needed in the rescue effort as well as in mitigating and responding to the environmental impact and that this response was being treated as the number one priority. The President asked the responding departments to devote every resource needed to respond to this incident and investigate its cause.”</p>

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Friday, 04/23/2010	No Apparent Leak	The rig was found—sunken and upside down approximately 1,500 feet northwest of the blowout preventer. An oil sheen was reported with approximately 8,400 gallons estimated on the water and there was no apparent leak discovered.
	White House Convened Principal Level Meeting to Discuss Response and Planning In Case Situation Worsens	White House convenes principal level meeting with top officials from across the government including Secretary Napolitano and the NRT in the White House Situation Room to review actions underway and discuss policy considerations and planning in case the situation worsens.
	U.S. Government Continues to Mobilize and Move More Resources In Case Situation Worsens	The U.S. government continues to mobilize and move more resources into the gulf to support BP, the responsible party, and apply federal resources to mitigate environmental damage, including moving 8 more vessels to the area
	EPA Prepares To Deploy Staff to the Region for Air Monitoring	EPA begins preparations to deploy staff to the region to support the Coast Guard with air monitoring and other activities.
	MMS Shuts Down Two Pipelines In the Area To Do Inspection	MMS reports that two pipelines in the vicinity of the sunken rig were shut down until they could be inspected. Sunken Rig Assessments Continue
	Sunken Rig Assessments Continue	Four remote operated marine vehicles continue to monitor the stack, conduct surveys of the riser and pipelines, and assess the stability of the sunken rig.
	Unified Area Command is Formally Stood Up	The Unified Area Command is formally and fully stood up in Robert, La., after three days of informal operations and planning.
	The President is Briefed	The President monitors the response and is briefed throughout the day by the White House Situation Room

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Friday, 04/23/2010 (Cont'd)	NOAA's National Weather Service Begins Coordinated Scientific Weather Reports	NOAA's National Weather Service begins providing coordinated scientific weather and biological response services to federal, state and local organizations.
	Search and Rescue Suspends at 5p.m	The Coast Guard continues to actively search for all 11 missing individuals until approximately 5 p.m., when the search was suspended.
	Daily Legislative Calls Begin and Daily Response On-Site Press Briefing and Intergovernmental Calls Are Conducted, Deepwaterhorizonresponse.com is Launched	The Coast Guard conducts the next in a daily series of press briefings and intergovernmental calls. A response website with consolidated information was established at http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com .
	Assets Deployed To Date—8 More Vessels Arrive	Total response vessels: approximately 10 Oily water recovered: 7,600 gallons Dispersant used: 1,900 gallons

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Saturday, 04/24/2010	First Oil Leaks Discovered and USCG Elevates Response	For the first time, oil was found to be leaking—one leak from the riser and one leak from the drill pipe. The Coast Guard elevated the response and established a Regional Command Center and Joint Information Center in Robert, La., inviting all partners in the response to join.
	NPS Prepares for Potential Oil Spill on national park land along the Gulf Coast	NPS begins cataloging resources and sampling pre-landfall conditions of resources in order to prepare for potential impact of the oil spill on national park land along the Gulf Coast.
	MMS Begins to Review BP Applications for Permit to Drill Two Relief Wells	MMS reports that they expected to receive and begin reviewing BP Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) for two relief wells. Four remote operated marine vehicles continued to monitor the stack, conduct surveys of the riser and pipelines, and assess the stability of the sunken rig.
	The President is Briefed	The President monitors the response and is briefed throughout the day by the White House Situation Room.
	Daily On-Site Press Briefing, Legislative and Intergovernmental Calls are Conducted.	The next in a daily series of press briefings is conducted between the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Coast Guard, NOAA, BP and Transocean—this time at the newly-formed Joint Information Center in Robert, La., as well as daily legislative and intergovernmental calls.
	Assets Deployed To Date	Total response vessels: approximately 10. Oily water recovered: approximately 40,000 gallons
	Response Photos:	http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4549418892/

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<p>Sunday, 04/25/2010</p>	<p>Overflights indicated the oil spill size was approximately 48 miles wide by 39 miles long.</p>	
	<p>Outreach to Potentially Impacted Gulf Coast States, Response Equipment Staging Areas Established</p>	<p>All potentially impacted Gulf Coast states are notified and invited to participate in the command center located in Robert, La. Response equipment staging areas were established in Venice, La., Biloxi, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla.</p>
	<p>U.S. Naval Air Station Serves as Staging Facility</p>	<p>At the request of the Coast Guard, the U.S. Navy provides Naval Air Station Pensacola as a staging facility for BP-contractor provided equipment (i.e. containment booms, recovery barges, tractor trailer trucks, various pumps and other related oil response equipment).</p>
	<p>20 More Vessels and 500 Responders Are Deployed In Case Situation Worsens</p>	<p>The response continues to mobilize and move more resources into the gulf to support BP, the responsible party, and apply federal resources to mitigate environmental damage, including moving 20 more vessels to the area and deploying 500 responders</p>
	<p>MMS Approves Resumption of One of the Two Pipelines Previously Shut Down and Works With BP on Exploration Plan to Drill Relief Wells</p>	<p>MMS approves resumption of one of the two pipelines that were previously shut down to allow for inspection, and continued to work with BP on an exploration plan to drill the two relief wells.</p>

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Sunday, 04/25/2010 (Cont'd)	The President is Briefed	The President monitors the response and is briefed throughout the day by the White House Situation Room
	Daily On-Site Press Briefing, Legislative and Intergovernmental Calls are Conducted	The next in a daily series of press briefings is conducted between the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Coast Guard, NOAA, BP and Transocean at the Joint Information Center in Robert, La., as well as daily legislative and intergovernmental calls.
	Assets Deployed To Date-20 More Vessels and 500 Responders	Total response vessels: more than 30 Boom deployed: 21,340 feet Oily water recovered: approximately 42,000 gallons Dispersant used: 12,600 gallons Dispersant available: approximately 100,000 gallons Overall personnel responding: approximately 500
	Response Photos:	http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=841178 http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4552485336/

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Monday, 04/26/2010	Secretary Salazar Announces Physical Inspections of All Deepwater Rigs	Secretary Salazar directs MMS to commence physical inspections of all deepwater rigs to be concluded with two weeks, followed by physical inspections of all deepwater platforms.
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Begin Identifying High Priority National Resources for Booming Operations	The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service begin working with the Coast Guard and other partners to identify high-priority natural resources (national wildlife refuges) for booming operations along potentially affected Gulf Coast areas.
	The President is Briefed	The President monitors the response and is briefed throughout the day by the White House Situation Room
	BP Submits Application for Preliminary Drilling	MMS reports that the Application for Preliminary Drilling (APD) for the Development Driller III had been submitted by BP and was currently under review. A total of 15 MMS personnel were deployed to support event response.
	Daily On-Site Press Briefing, Legislative and Intergovernmental Calls are Conducted	The next in a daily series of press briefings is conducted between the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Coast Guard, NOAA, BP and Transocean at the Joint Information Center in Robert, La., as well as daily legislative and intergovernmental calls.
	Assets Deployed To Date- 500 More Responders Deploy	Total response vessels: more than 30 Boom deployed: 21,340 feet Oily water recovered: 48,384 gallons Dispersant used: 14,654 gallons Dispersant available: 119,734 gallons Overall personnel responding: more than 1,000
	Response Photos:	http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4557684643/in/set-72157623940838176/ http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4558317388/in/set-72157623940838176/
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<p>Tuesday, 04/27/2010</p>	<p>DOI-DHS Announce Formal Investigation Next Steps</p>	<p>Secretary Salazar and Secretary Napolitano announce the formal next steps to their joint investigation underway into the causes of the explosion that left 11 workers missing, three critically injured, and an ongoing oil spill that the responsible party and federal agencies are working to contain and clean up. It is proceeding under a Joint Statement of Principles and Convening Order, which convenes the formal joint investigation, and a Memorandum of Agreement, which lays out roles and responsibilities that relate to each agency's area of expertise.</p> <p>Joint Statement of Principles and Convening Order Link</p> <p>Memorandum of Agreement</p>
	<p>White House Meets with BP to Discuss Response Efforts</p>	<p>Numerous top administration officials, including Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett and Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Carol Browner hold meetings in Washington with BP executives and received briefings on company efforts to stop the oil flow.</p>
	<p>The President is Briefed</p>	<p>The President monitors the response and is briefed throughout the day by the White House Situation Room</p>

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Tuesday, 04/27/2010 (Cont'd)	Controlled Burn Plans Are Approved	Plans for a controlled burn of contained oil were approved late at night for the following day. Burns of this type are heavily dependent on weather conditions.
	Daily On-Site Press Briefing, Legislative and Intergovernmental Calls are Conducted	The next in a daily series of press briefings is conducted between the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Coast Guard, NOAA, BP and Transocean at the Joint Information Center in Robert, La., as well as daily legislative and intergovernmental calls.
	Assets Deployed To Date-20 Additional Vessels Arrive	Total response vessels: approximately 50 Boom deployed: 29,280 feet Boom available: 80,900 feet Oily water recovered: 260,652 gallons Dispersant used: 29,140 gallons Dispersant available: 119,734 gallons Overall personnel responding: more than 1,000
	Response Photos:	http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4563748656/in/set-72157623940838176/ http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4563118299/in/set-72157623940838176/ http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4558745875/ http://governor.alabama.gov/gallery/images_detail.aspx?ID=995

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Wednesday, 04/28/2010	Controlled Burn Is Conducted	A successful controlled, on-location burn is conducted for approximately 30 minutes—a strategy designed to minimize environmental risks by removing large quantities of oil in the Gulf of Mexico following the April 20 explosion. Burns of this type are heavily dependent on weather conditions.
	Secretary Salazar Travels to BP Command Center in Houston	Secretary Salazar travels to the BP command center in Houston to review BP's operations and response efforts.
	MMS Approves First Drilling Permit for First Relief Well	MMS reports that the drilling permit for the first relief well had been approved, and that the application for the second relief well was under review.
	U.S. Navy Sends Additional Assets	In direct support of the Coast Guard under an existing pollution clean-up and salvage operations agreement, the Navy provides a variety of oil pollution control equipment. The Navy sent thousands of feet of inflatable oil boom with mooring equipment, several skimming systems, related support gear, and personnel to support oil spill response efforts. Naval Air Station Pensacola is serving as a staging facility for Coast Guard contractor-provided equipment.
	Daily On-Site Press Briefing, Legislative and Intergovernmental Calls are Conducted	The next in a daily series of press briefings is conducted between the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Coast Guard, NOAA, BP and Transocean at the Joint Information Center in Robert, La., as well as daily legislative and intergovernmental calls.

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<p>Wednesday, 04/28/2010 (Cont'd)</p>	<p>Additional Breach Discovered, President is Briefed and Response Escalates</p>	<p>Late in the day, BP alerted the U.S. government to an additional breach. As soon as the additional breach was discovered, senior officials from across the government already convened in the White House Situation Room immediately briefed the President on Air Force One, and Rear Admiral Landry is sent back out for the second time that day to brief press, this time on the additional breach and the steps the administration is taking to respond, including that the President urged – out of an abundance of caution, and mindful of the new information – that we must continue to pre-position resources to continue to aggressively confront this incident.</p>
	<p>Assets Deployed To Date</p>	<p>Total response vessels: approximately 50 Boom deployed: 147,100 feet Oily water recovered: 400,080 gallons Dispersant used: 56,000 gallons Dispersant available: 119,734 gallons Overall personnel responding: more than 1,000</p>
	<p>Response Photos:</p>	<p>http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4563719473/in/set-72157623940838176/</p>

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Thursday, 04/29/2010	Oil Spill Update During the PDB	The President receives another in depth briefing of the escalating situation in his morning PDB session.
	Spill of National Significance is Declared and White House Holds Briefing for White House Reporters on The Additional Breach and Corresponding Response Efforts	Senior officials from across the government, including Secretary Napolitano, EPA Administrator Jackson and NOAA Administrator Lubchenco and White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs brief White House reporters in the White House briefing room on the change in the event: the additional breach.
		Secretary Napolitano announces that the event would now become designated a Spill of National Significance (SONS), which built on the efforts already underway from day one to leverage the full resources of the federal government to be brought to bear in response to this further escalating event. The SONS designation enabled the appointment of a National Incident Commander to coordinate response resources at the national level. The designation does not provide additional funding or authority—nor was it needed, as that authority already existed and resources were mobilized in case the situation worsened from day one. This is why the day DHS announced the SONS designation, there were already more than 70 vessels in the Gulf of Mexico responding to the spill and approximately 1,100 personnel already deployed and on scene to assist.
	The President Orders Secretary Salazar to Deliver Report on Additional Safety Measures for Offshore Operations to be Completed Within 30 Days	Secretary Salazar receives direction from the President to deliver in 30 days a report with recommendations on what, if any, additional safety measures should be required for offshore operations. He then announced that inspections of all deepwater rigs and platforms were underway.
	The President Makes Remarks on the Oil Spill's Escalated Situation	The President updates the American people on the worsening situation in the Gulf of Mexico and states that his administration will continue to use every single available resource at our disposal, including potentially the Department of Defense, to address the incident.

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Thursday, 04/29/2010 (Cont'd)	White House Convenes Deputy's Committee Meeting in Situation Room	The White House convenes a meeting at the deputy secretary level with senior officials from across the government to discuss the escalating situation, the response and to continue planning for worsening situations
	DoD Designates Mississippi's Kessler Air Force Base as Base Support Installation	DOD designates Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi as a base support installation. The installation will serve as a location where military units conduct logistical operations.
	DOI Secretary Salazar Hosts Meeting of Oil and Gas Companies to Urge Them To Help	Secretary Salazar spends the day in Houston reviewing BP's operations and response efforts. Upon his return from Houston, Secretary Salazar hosts a meeting of oil and gas companies in his office and urged them to make available all available resources to the response.
	Daily On-Site Press Briefing, Legislative and Intergovernmental Calls are Conducted	The next in a daily series of press briefings was conducted between the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Coast Guard, NOAA, BP and Transocean at the Joint Information Center in Robert, La., as well as daily legislative and intergovernmental calls.
	Assets Deployed To Date- Additional 25 Vessels Arrive	<i>Total response vessels: approximately 75</i> <i>Boom deployed: 174,060 feet</i> <i>Boom available: 243,260 feet</i> <i>Oily water recovered: 763,560 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: 98,361 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: 75,000 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: more than 1,000</i>
	Response Photos:	http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=844167 http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=844164 http://www.nasa.gov/images/content/449676main_gulf-spill-full.jpg

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Friday, 04/30/2010	The President Dispatches Senior Administration Officials to the Gulf Coast	The President dispatches Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner, and NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco to the Gulf Coast.
	The President Makes Remarks on the Oil Spill's Escalating Situation	The President updates Americans on the ongoing federal response to the worsening BP oil spill
	National Guard Activation	In response to the BP oil spill, the Secretary of Defense authorizes under Title 32 the mobilization of the Louisiana National Guard to help in the ongoing efforts to assist local communities in the cleanup and removal of oil and to protect critical habitats from contamination.
	Secretary of Defense Approves Request for Two C-130 Aircrafts To Respond	The Secretary of Defense approves a request for two C-130 aircraft with Modular Aerial Spray Systems (MASS), which are currently en route to the affected area. The Coast Guard requested assistance from the Department of Defense for these aircraft. These aircraft dispense the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. Each system is capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight with three flights per aircraft per day.
	Response Crews Begin Testing New Dispersant Technique	Response crews begin testing a new technique to break up the oil before it reaches the surface—a remotely operated underwater vehicle dispensing sub-surface dispersant at a rate of nine gallons per minute. Nearly 3,000 gallons of subsea dispersants were applied, and BP and NOAA evaluated these tests to determine the feasibility of continued use of subsea dispersants.
	EPA Begins Monitoring Water Quality, Administrator Jackson Remains On The Ground	EPA begins monitoring water quality in the Gulf Coast region. EPA Administrator Jackson remains on the ground in the region for the following three days, visiting sites in Louisiana and Mississippi and meeting with community leaders, local industry and elected leaders at the state and local level.
The President is Briefed	The President monitors the response and is briefed throughout the day by the White House Situation Room	

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Friday, 04/30/2010 (Cont'd)	DOI Establishes Outer Continental Shelf Safety Oversight Board	DOI establishes the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Safety Oversight Board to provide recommendations regarding interim measures that may enhance OCS safety, as well as improving and strengthening the Department's overall management, regulation and oversight of OCS operations. Secretary Salazar will provide a report to President Obama within 30 days on what, if any, immediate additional precautions and technologies should be required
	Senior Federal and State Officials Hold Joint Press Briefing On-Site	Secretary Napolitano, Secretary Salazar, EPA Administrator Jackson, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles conducted a press briefing. Daily legislative and intergovernmental calls were also conducted.
	NOAA Provides Additional Resources To Protect Critical Wildlife	Personnel from NOAA's National Marine Sanctuaries program provided additional resources for both response and assessment efforts to protect critical wildlife.
	Sixth Staging Area Stood Up	A sixth staging area is set up in Port Sulphur, La., joining five others in Venice, La., Biloxi, Miss., Pascagoula, Miss., Theodore, Ala., Pensacola, Fla.
	Assets To Date—1,000 More Responders Arrive	<i>Total response vessels: approximately 75</i> <i>Boom deployed: 217,000 feet</i> <i>Boom available: 305,760 feet</i> <i>Oily water recovered: 853,146 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: 139,459 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: 51,000 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: approximately 2,000</i>
	Response Photos:	http://www.flickr.com/photos/usnavynvns/4574068993/ http://www.flickr.com/photos/usnavynvns/4574069413/ http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=844563 http://www.flickr.com/photos/uscgd8/4566787948/

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<p>Saturday, 05/01/2010</p>	<p>Secretary Napolitano Names U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen to Serve as National Incident Commander</p>	<p>As part of the designation of the BP Oil Spill as a Spill of National Significance, Secretary Napolitano announces that Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen will serve as the National Incident Commander for the administration's continued, coordinated response— providing additional coordinated oversight in leveraging every available resource to respond to the BP oil spill and minimize the associated environmental risks. Admiral Allen has overseen Coast Guard efforts since the moment this event began, when the agency responded quickly to the April 20 explosion in a search and rescue capacity in order to save lives. With this formal designation Admiral Allen is able to continue to lead and coordinate ongoing federal actions to mitigate the oil spill, for which BP is responsible and required to pay response and cleanup costs.</p>
	<p>The President is Briefed</p>	<p>The President monitors the response and is briefed throughout the day by the White House Situation Room</p>
	<p>White House Convenes Deputy's Committee Meeting in Situation Room</p>	<p>The White House convenes a meeting at the deputy secretary level with senior officials from across the government to discuss the escalating situation and the response</p>
	<p>White House Homeland Security Advisor and U.S. Coast Guard commandant Brief Reporters Via Conference Call on the Ongoing Response Efforts</p>	<p>White House Homeland Security Advisor John Brennan and Admiral Allen brief media via conference call about ongoing efforts to contain the spill and minimize associated environmental risks.</p>

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	DoD Airlifts Additional Booms To Better Protect Gulf Coast	To prepare for the possible spreading of the oil slick across the Gulf Coast and in support of the 2nd Unified command Center in Mobile, Ala., the Department of Defense airlifted additional boom materials to Mobile, located on four tractor trailers to expedite transportation on the receiving end.
	Eight Staging Areas Begin Operating	Eight staging areas were operating in Venice, La., Biloxi, Miss., Pascagoula, Miss., Theodore, Ala., Pensacola, Fla., Port Sulphur, La., Gulfport, Miss., and Port Fourchon, La.
	Assets To Date	<i>Total response vessels: approximately 75</i> <i>Boom deployed: 275,580 feet</i> <i>Boom available: 316,470 feet</i> <i>Oily water recovered: more than 1 million gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: 142,914 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: 68,300 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: approximately 2,000</i>
	Response Photos:	http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=847276

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Sunday, 05/02/2010	President Obama Visits Gulf Coast to Inspect Response Effort	President Obama visits the Gulf Coast to inspect response operations firsthand, underscoring the administration's all-hands-on-deck response to protect the coastline of potentially affected Gulf Coast states.
	EPA Posts First Air Monitoring Data Results	EPA posts on its dedicated response website the first air monitoring data it has collected in the area—with no red flags.
	NOAA Announces Fishing Restriction	NOAA announces a fishing restriction for a minimum of ten days in federal waters most affected by the BP oil spill, largely between Louisiana state waters at the mouth of the Mississippi River to waters off Florida's Pensacola Bay. The closure was effective immediately. This order balances economic and health concerns and only closes those areas affected by oil. Details can be found here.
	Secretaries Napolitano and Salazar Host Gulf Coast States Conference Call	Secretaries Janet Napolitano and Ken Salazar spoke by conference call to Governors Haley Barbour (MS), Bob Riley (AL), Rick Perry (TX), Charlie Crist (FL) and the Deputy Chief of Staff to Gov. Bobby Jindal (LA). Gov. Jindal was with President Obama. They briefed the Governors on the ongoing response to the BP oil spill in the gulf. They spoke specifically about efforts to stop the oil leaks and about mitigating the oil's impact on the shorelines of their states. Additionally, they spoke about ways to enhance what has been strong cooperation between the federal government and the states.
	30 More Vessels and Additional 1,000 Responders Are Deployed to the Gulf Coast	The response continues to mobilize and move more resources into the gulf to support BP, the responsible party, and apply federal resources to mitigate environmental damage, including moving 30 more vessels to the area and deploying an additional 1,000 responders.

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Sunday, 05/02/2010 (Cont'd)	BP Begins Accepting Claims	BP begins accepting claims for the Gulf Coast oil spill via BP's helpline at 1-800-440-0858. A BP fact sheet with additional information is available here. Those who have already pursued the BP claims process and are not satisfied with BP's resolution can call the Coast Guard at 1-800-280-7118. More information about what types of damages are eligible for compensation under the Oil Pollution Act as well as guidance on procedures to seek that compensation can be found here.
	Additional DoD Assets Arrive	Two Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) aircraft were deployed in support of the event. Both aircraft have multiple missions scheduled daily, contingent on weather. These aircraft can dispense the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. Each system is capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight with three flights per aircraft per day—building on existing dispersant capabilities.
		A C-17 aircraft carrying pollution response boom components for support flew from Travis AFB in California and arrived at Mobile International Airport.
	MMS Reports that BP Begins Drilling First Deep-Water Intercept Relief Well	MMS reported that BP began drilling the first deep-water intercept relief well. This action is expected to take approximately 90 days.
	Assets To Date—30 More Vessels and Additional 1,000 Responders Arrive	<i>Total response vessels: 104</i> <i>Boom deployed: 243,200 feet</i> <i>Boom available: 522,821 feet</i> <i>Oily water recovered: more than 1 million gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: 156,012 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: 75,124 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: approximately 3,000</i>

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Monday, 05/03/2010	The President Dispatches Senior Cabinet Officials Back to the Gulf Coast	The President dispatches the secretaries of Commerce, Interior and Homeland Security, the EPA Administrator and the NOAA Administrator to return to the Gulf Coast this week. Specific details on their travel will come from their departments and agencies, but collectively they will be inspecting the ongoing, coordinated response efforts to mitigate the impact of the spill on public health, the environment and the economy. They will meet with business owners to discuss potential economic impacts of this spill across the Gulf Coast region.
	Senior Administration Officials Meet with BP Senior Leadership	Secretary Salazar, Secretary Napolitano, EPA Administrator Jackson and other members of the Obama administration met with BP CEO Tony Hayward and BP America Chairman and President Lamar McKay at the Department of the Interior to discuss ongoing, coordinated response efforts and receive an update on BP's mitigation plans for potentially impacted Gulf Coast states. This was the most recent in a series of meetings that have taken place between administration leadership and BP leadership.
	White House Convenes Deputy's Committee Meeting in Situation Room	The White House convenes a meeting at the deputy secretary level with senior officials from across the government to discuss the escalating situation, the response and to continue planning for worsening situations
	More Than 2,000 Volunteers Are Trained To Assist	More than 2,000 volunteers receive training to assist in the response effort to that date. Volunteer recruitment efforts include outreach to local fishermen with boats, which can be used as vessels of opportunity to assist contractors in deploying boom.
	OSHA Ensures Cleanup Workers Receive Necessary Protection	Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels visits Louisiana with a team of experienced hazardous materials professionals leading an effort to ensure that oil spill cleanup workers receive necessary protections from the hazards of this work. OSHA is consulting with BP, as well as federal agency partners, to ensure that workers receive appropriate training and protective equipment.
	Assets To Date—80 More Vessels Arrive	<i>Total response vessels: 183</i> <i>Boom deployed: 156,703 feet</i> <i>Boom available: 530,061 feet</i> <i>Oily water recovered: more than 1 million gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: 156,012 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: 230,138 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: approximately 3,000</i>

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<p>Tuesday, 05/04/2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Officials Brief Members of Congress</p>	<p>Secretary Salazar, Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke, Administrator Jackson, DHS Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute and Admiral Allen provided a bi-partisan and bi-cameral briefing to Congress on the administration's all-hands-on-deck response to the spill. They updated members of Congress on the status of ongoing, coordinated response efforts in the Gulf coast states and delivered an update on BP's mitigation plans for potentially impacted Gulf Coast states.</p>
	<p>Cabinet Officials Host Daily Coordination Calls with the Gulf Coast State Governors</p>	<p>To ensure consistent coordination with the Gulf Coast states, Admiral Thad Allen, Secretaries Janet Napolitano and Ken Salazar, Administrator Lisa Jackson and NOAA Deputy Under Secretary Monica Medina began daily calls with the Governors from the five Gulf Coast states to provide updates on the response to the BP oil spill and answer any questions that arise. Governors Barbour, Crist, Jindal, Perry and Riley have been invited to participate in the daily calls moving forward. These daily calls are a follow up to the calls last Friday and Sunday between the Governors and the agencies involved in the federal response, as well as the calls last week between the President and the Governors and the President's visit to the region on Sunday. These calls are intended to further the already unprecedented cooperation and focused effort between state and local officials and the federal government in response to this situation.</p>
	<p>National Guard Activation</p>	<p>Secretary Gates has authorized use of Title 32 status for up to 17,500 National Guard members in four states: Alabama (3,000), Florida (2,500), Louisiana (6,000) and Mississippi (6,000).</p>

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Tuesday, 05/04/2010 (Cont'd)		<p>The state of Louisiana has activated approximately 1,200 National Guard members under Title 32 for command and control and sandbagging operations in St Bernard and Plaquemines parishes. Louisiana National Guard personnel are actively manning the Joint Operations Center and Tactical Aviation Cell.</p>
	20 More Vessels and 4,500 Responders Are Deployed to the Gulf Coast	<p>The response continues to mobilize and move more resources into the gulf to support BP, the responsible party, and apply federal resources to mitigate environmental damage, including moving 20 more vessels to the area and deploying an additional 4,500 responders</p>
	Air Quality Monitoring	<p>EPA's Air Quality Index (AQI) tracks levels of particulate matter and ozone along the Gulf Coast—data available publicly daily at http://www.airnow.gov and http://gulfcoast.airnowtech.org. In addition to these monitors, EPA's emergency response teams have put up multiple monitoring stations to track larger particulate matter. The location of these monitoring stations is flexible as conditions change during this response.</p>
		<p>The next in a daily series of press briefings was conducted between the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Coast Guard, NOAA, BP and Transocean at the Joint Information Center in Robert, La., as well as daily legislative and intergovernmental calls.</p>
	Assets To Date—20 More Vessels and 4,000 Responders Arrive	<p><i>Total response vessels: nearly 200</i> <i>Boom deployed: 367,881 feet</i> <i>Boom available: more than 1 million feet</i> <i>Oily water recovered: more than 1 million gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: nearly 160,000 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: 230,000 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: approximately 7,500</i></p>

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<p>Wednesday, 05/05/2010</p>	<p>Secretary Salazar Gulf Coast Visit</p>	<p>Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar surveyed ongoing response efforts to combat the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, inspecting the four-story cofferdam that will attempt to capture the largest leak from the damaged wellhead; making an aerial survey of containment and cleanup efforts underway on Gulf waters; and visiting national wildlife refuges on the Louisiana and Alabama coast to assess on-the-ground efforts to protect sensitive areas.</p>
	<p>Successful Controlled Burn</p>	<p>Favorable weather conditions allowed responders to conduct a successful controlled burn operation. As part of a coordinated response that combines tactics deployed above water, below water, offshore, and close to coastal areas, controlled burns efficiently remove oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife.</p>
	<p>NASA Satellite Assets</p>	<p>At NOAA's request, NASA has agreed to use their ER-2 aircraft, equipped with a highly specialized scanner (the Airborne Visible/Infrared Imaging Spectrometer (AVIRIS) system) to provide NOAA high resolution images of the threatened Gulf shoreline. This will assist valuable NOAA's damage assessment activities by forecasting spill trajectories and conducting mass balance calculations. Additionally, NASA has employed satellite instruments both to detect the extent of the entire oil spill, and to see the details of the extent of selected areas of the spill.</p>

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	Additional Staging Location	A 10th staging location was established in Panama City, Fla., joining nine others in Biloxi, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Pascagoula, Miss., Dauphin Island, Ala., Port Sulphur, La., Shell Beach, La., Slidell, La., Port Fourchon, La., and Venice, La.
	Aerial Dispersant Spray Missions	Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) aircraft flew four missions—dispensing the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. These systems are capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight.
	Seafood Inspection	NOAA Fisheries continues to collect seafood samples and transfer those to the National Seafood Inspection Lab.
	NOAA Ocean and Marsh Imaging Flights	Two NOAA turbo-prop aircraft are positioned in Mobile, Ala. One will fly marine mammal survey missions—the second aircraft will conduct ocean imaging missions, providing valuable information about the oil thickness and density on the sea surface. A third NOAA aircraft is positioned in New Orleans and staged to conduct aerial photographic flights of marsh areas.
	Ocean Exploration Mission	A NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research-sponsored mission is en route to collect seafloor and water column data from areas near the oil spill source.
	National Park Service Response Website	<p>The National Park Service created an oil spill response website, available at http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/oil-spill-response.htm, to update the public about potential park closures, resources at risk, and NPS actions to protect vital park space and wildlife.</p>

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<p>Thursday, 05/06/2010</p>	<p>Top Officials Visit Gulf Coast</p>	<p>Top administration officials traveled to the Gulf Coast at the direction of the President to meet with federal, state and local officials, as well as local business leaders, as part of their continued oversight of BP's efforts to plug the leak and contain the spill, and their ongoing emphasis on interagency coordination in response to the event.</p>
		<p>Secretary Napolitano and Secretary Locke visited to Biloxi, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla., to inspect response operations, meet with state, local and private sector leaders, and view firsthand staging areas for the deployment of boom to protect vital shoreline from the oil spill. Administrator Lubchenco accompanied the group to Biloxi, then joined White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley in Pascagoula, Miss., to tour NOAA's seafood inspection lab.</p>
		<p>Secretary Salazar visited the Mobile Command Center in Mobile, Ala., to observe response efforts and talk with responders about ongoing operations and mitigation plans. He also met with BP Officials at their command center in Houston to get an update on BP's efforts to close down their leaks.</p>
		<p>EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe traveled to Louisiana, where he reviewed EPA's ongoing air and water monitoring activities, met with local and community leaders, and assessed the environmental situation on the ground.</p>
	<p>Low-Interest Loans for Small Businesses</p>	<p>Small Business Administration Administrator Karen Mills announced the agency is making low-interest loans available to Louisiana Gulf Coast small businesses suffering financial losses following the oil spill, which shut down commercial and recreational fishing along the state's southeast coast—acting under the SBA's authority to offer economic injury assistance in response to a May 4 request from Gov. Bobby Jindal.</p>

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<p>Thursday, 05/06/2010 (Cont'd)</p>	<p>NOAA Mission Redirected for Oil Spill Response</p>	<p>A NOAA-sponsored ocean mission, set to explore for deep sea corals, has been redirected to collect seafloor and water column data from areas near the Gulf of Mexico oil spill source. Researchers from the National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology are on a university research ship to obtain core sediment samples from the seafloor and water samples from the water column in areas near the spill source. The samples are expected to provide important information about the abundance of marine organisms and the presence of chemicals in ocean water and sediments—information for a baseline against which to measure change if those areas are affected by sinking oil.</p>
	<p>Oil Reaches Shoreline</p>	<p>Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Teams (SCAT)—federal, state and BP officials working to assess and determine how cleanup will be conducted, and oversee cleanup operations—confirmed that oil was found on the beach at Chandeleur Islands, a small group of uninhabited barrier islands off the northeast of the Mississippi Delta. The Chandeleur Islands are part of the Breton National Wildlife Refuge.</p>
	<p>Successful Controlled Burn</p>	<p>Favorable weather conditions allowed responders to conduct a successful controlled burn operation for the second consecutive day. As part of a coordinated response that combines tactics deployed above water, below water, offshore, and close to coastal areas, controlled burns efficiently remove oil from the open water in an effort to protect shoreline and wildlife.</p>
	<p>Emergency Response Stockpiles Arrive</p>	<p>More than 80 flatbed trucks carrying Emergency Ship Salvage Material supplies—part of a managed network of emergency response equipment stockpiles pre-positioned to support and augment U.S. Navy Fleet capabilities to respond to pollution and other events—have arrived at staging areas for immediate deployment.</p>

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Thursday, 05/06/2010 (Cont'd)	Cofferdam Drill Ship Inspection Completed	MMS completed its production system inspection for the drill ship Discoverer Enterprise—the vessel that will be used to operate the cofferdam system and process the oily water pumped from the riser plume.
	CDC Toxic Substance Monitoring	The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry are monitoring the gulf oil spill and offering assistance as needed to lead federal agencies and impacted states and communities.
	Oil Cleanup Worker Health & Safety Training	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences is working with BP contractors to provide technical assistance in development and deployment of health and safety training to workers.
	New Weather Forecast Website	NOAA's National Weather Service has created a special forecast website, available at http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lix/.
	NOAA Aircraft Missions	NOAA aircraft flew marine mammal survey missions and ocean imaging missions—providing valuable information about the oil thickness and density on the ocean surface.
	NPS Incident Management Teams	The National Park Service has activated two incident management teams in the Gulf. Many other park service employees in the area are supporting the response with technical information and assistance.
	Aerial Dispersant Spray Missions	<p>Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) aircraft flew numerous dispersant missions—dispensing the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. These systems are capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight. To ensure nearby residents are informed and protected, the EPA is constantly monitoring air quality in the Gulf area through air monitoring air craft, and fixed and mobile air stations.</p> <p>Total response vessels: nearly 270 Boom deployed: approximately 750,000 feet (regular plus sorbent boom) Boom available: 1.4 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom) Oily water recovered: more than 1.8 million gallons Dispersant used: more than 253,000 gallons Dispersant available: more than 317,000 gallons Overall personnel responding: more than 10,000</p>

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<p>Friday, 05/07/2010</p>	<p>Deploying and Activating the Cofferd Dam</p>	<p>The Unified Area Command is carefully tracking the complicated procedure to assemble a subsea capture system that would entail pumping leaking oil up to a vessel on the surface.</p>
	<p>Offshore Drilling Permit Applications Halted</p>	<p>Secretary Salazar announced that, as a result of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and spill, beginning April 20—the date of the explosion—no applications for drilling permits will go forward for any new offshore drilling activity until the Department of the Interior completes the safety review process that President Obama requested. In accordance with the President’s request, the Department will deliver its report to the President by May 28. The only exceptions to the new rule regarding permit approvals are the two relief wells that are being drilled in response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster.</p>
	<p>Expanded Fishing Restriction</p>	<p>NOAA has modified and expanded the boundaries of the closed fishing area to better reflect the current location of the oil spill, and is extending the fishing restriction until May 17. The closed area now represents slightly less than 4.5 percent of Gulf of Mexico federal waters. The original closure boundaries, which took effect last Sunday, encompassed less than three percent. This leaves many areas that are still available for fishing. The vast majority of Gulf waters has not been affected by the oil spill and continues to support productive fisheries and tourism activities. NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco and her staff will continue to meet with fishermen in the oil-affected area to listen to their concerns and share with them what NOAA scientists have learned so far about how the oil might be affecting their potential seafood catch.</p>
	<p>Fish & Wildlife Monitoring</p>	<p>More than 160 Fish & Wildlife Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the west coast of Florida. Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams (SCAT) continue to assess and determine how cleanup will be conducted, and oversee cleanup operations.</p>
		<p>FWS personnel continue to conduct overflights of the Chandeleur Islands today to monitor the status of the brown pelican colonies. FWS closed the Breton National Wildlife Refuge to public entry. The refuge closure is important to keep the public safe, to minimize disturbance to nesting colonial sea birds, and to allow personnel conducting cleanup operations and recovery efforts to work safely and efficiently.</p>

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	Secretary Salazar Oversight Activities	<p>Secretary Salazar continued his oversight activities in a meeting with BP officials in Houston today and met with the manufacturers of the Blowout Preventer (BOP) device to discuss the damaged wellhead. The BOPs contain mechanisms designed to shut off the flow of oil and gas, either on command or automatically, when a wellhead is damaged or experiences a blowout. Federal and company engineers are seeking to determine why the BOP atop the Deepwater Horizon well failed to activate as designed.</p>
		<p>Secretary Salazar directed U.S. Geological Survey Director Dr. Marcia McNutt to remain at BP's command center to help coordinate the joint efforts of federal scientists and BP engineers who are working on several technological challenges and approaches to securing the damaged well head, capturing the leak and controlling the spill.</p>

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		Total response vessels: nearly 270 Boom deployed: approximately 829,000 feet – more than 150 miles (regular plus sorbent boom) Boom available: approximately 1.3 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom) Oily water recovered: nearly 1.9 million gallons Dispersant used: more than 282,000 gallons Dispersant available: more than 317,000 gallons Overall personnel responding: more than 10,000

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Saturday, 05/08/2010	Natural Resources Impact Assessments	Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Tom Strickland and National Parks Service Director John Jarvis surveyed the impact of the oil spill on natural resources in the Gulf Islands. In total, 310 DOI personnel have been deployed as part of the oil spill response, representing the DOI Gulf Leadership Team, FWS, MMS, NPS and the DOI Office of Emergency Management.
	U.S. Geological Survey Oil Response Team Activated	The U.S. Geological Survey Oil Response Team was activated to communicate and coordinate daily response activities, including supplying biologic, coastal geology, hydrology and geographic data to other agencies, partners, and emergency responders.
	Damage Assessment Activities	NOAA's Damage Assessment Remediation and Restoration Program is coordinating an assessment of damage to natural resources with federal partners, BP (as the responsible party), and trustees in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. Multiple agencies from each state are engaged. This assessment will gauge impacts to fish, shellfish, marine mammals, turtles, birds and other sensitive resources as well as their habitats, including wetlands, beaches, mudflats, bottom sediments, corals and the water column. The trustees will also assess any lost human uses of these resources, for example, fishing, hunting, and beach recreational closures. The trustees are also assessing the efficacy of evaluating impacts from the response, including burning, and dispersant use at the surface and at depth.
		Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) is a legal process to determine the type and amount of restoration needed to compensate the public for harm to natural resources and their human uses that occur as a result of an oil spill. For more information, visit here.

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<p>Saturday, 05/08/2010 (Cont'd)</p>	<p>Expanded Low-Interest Small Business Loans</p>	<p>SBA Administrator Karen Mills announced that SBA is making economic injury assistance available in 21 additional parishes for small businesses suffering financial losses following the Deepwater BP oil spill that shut down commercial and recreational fishing along the state's southeast coast. With these additions, SBA economic injury loans are now available in 34 Louisiana parishes and seven Mississippi counties.</p>
	<p>Fishing Industry Engagement</p>	<p>NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco and her staff continue to meet with fishermen in the oil-affected area to listen to their concerns and share with them what NOAA scientists have learned so far about how the oil might be affecting their potential seafood catch.</p>
	<p>NOAA Observational Flights</p>	<p>NOAA aircraft flew observational overflights of the oil spill, during which trained observers recorded locations of oil and affected wildlife. NOAA aircraft also flew coastal photography and mapping missions. A NOAA P-3 aircraft (one of NOAA's hurricane hunter aircraft) flew preparatory missions to calibrate trajectory models of the Gulf of Mexico Loop Current.</p>
		<p><i>Total response vessels: more than 270</i> <i>Boom deployed: approximately 923,000 feet (regular plus sorbent boom)</i> <i>Boom available: approximately 1.3 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)</i> <i>Oily water recovered: nearly 2.1 million gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: approximately 290,000 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: more than 185,000 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: more than 10,000</i></p>

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<p>Sunday, May 9th, 2010</p>	<p>DOI Leadership Deployments</p>	<p>Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar dispatched Director of the National Park Service Jon Jarvis and Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service Rowan Gould to command centers along the Gulf Coast to help lead efforts to protect coastal communities and natural resources from oil spill. Jarvis is stationed in the Mobile, Ala., Incident Command Center, and Gould is stationed in the Houma, La., Incident Command Center.</p>
	<p>Drilling Rig Inspection and Oversight</p>	<p>MMS has completed its inspections of all 30 deepwater drilling rigs and is now inspecting all deepwater production platforms. The Minerals Management Service (MMS) continues to work with BP to explore all options that could stop or mitigate oil leaks from the damaged well. Pursuant to MMS's regulatory authority, all plans are being reviewed and approved by MMS before implementation.</p>
	<p>Snare Booms Erected</p>	<p>Cleanup crews have placed snare boom to collect tarballs in the affected area on Dauphin Island. Snare boom can be staked along beaches and shoreline to act as a filter and prevent tarballs from coming ashore. Analysis of the tarballs is being conducted to determine the origin of the oil and may take 48 hours to complete. Shoreline assessment teams typically consist of three or four trained personnel prepared to evaluate a section of shoreline, equipped with proper protective gear. Trained volunteers may assist members of the group. Team members must have basic site safety training and training sufficient to complete an evaluation of the beach. Reports of tarballs can be made to the Coast Guard at any time at 1-800-448-5816.</p>

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Sunday, May 9th, 2010 (Cont'd)	13 Staging Areas Along Gulf Coast	13 staging areas have been set up to protect vital shoreline in all potentially affected Gulf Coast states (Biloxi, Miss., Pascagoula, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Panama City, Fla., Dauphin Island, Ala., Grand Isle, La., Shell Beach, La., Slidell, La., Venice, La., Orange Beach, Al., Theodore, Al., Pass Christian, Ms., Cocodrie, La.).
	NOAA Oversight Activities	NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco met with scientists at the Dauphin Island (Ala.) Sea Lab and representatives from the Mobile (Ala.) Port Authority, and participated in a briefing at the Mobile Incident Command Center. NOAA continues to provide scientific support including: modeling the trajectory and location of the oil, getting pre-impact shoreline samples surveys and baseline measurements, and planning for open water and shoreline remediation.
	NOAA Observational Flights	One of NOAA's P-3 (hurricane hunter) aircraft conducted a flight to help monitor the location of the Gulf of Mexico Loop Current. NOAA also flew missions for marine mammal surveys, coastal photography and mapping purposes.
	Assets to Date	<i>Assets to Date</i> <i>Total response vessels: more than 275</i> <i>Boom deployed: more than 1 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)</i> <i>Boom available: more than 1.3 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)</i> <i>Oily water recovered: approximately 3.5 million gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: approximately 325,000 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: more than 500,000 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: approximately 10,000</i>

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<p>Monday, 05/10/2010</p>	<p>The President Meets with Cabinet Members in the Situation Room</p>	<p>President Obama met with a number of Cabinet members and senior staff in the White House Situation Room to review BP's efforts to stop the oil leak as well as to decide on next steps to ensure all is being done to contain the spread, mitigate the environmental impact and provide assistance to affected states, including individuals, businesses, and communities.</p>
		<p>The President asked Energy Secretary Stephen Chu to lead a team of top administration officials and government scientists to Houston this week for an extensive dialogue with BP officials to continue to aggressively pursue potential solutions.</p>
		<p>In addition, to deal more generally with the harms created by oil spills, the President has requested that legislation be sent to Congress to toughen and update the law surrounding caps on damages.</p>
	<p>EPA Administrator Jackson Returns to the Gulf Coast</p>	<p>Administrator Jackson made another visit to the Gulf region to oversee efforts to mitigate the environmental and human health impact of the ongoing BP oil spill—visiting Baton Rouge, La., to receive a briefing by Louisiana State University scientists; and Robert, La., to receive a briefing by federal agency scientists.</p>
	<p>Secretary Salazar Dispatches Top Land Management Official</p>	<p>Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced today that Director of the Bureau of Land Management Robert Abbey has been dispatched to the Gulf Coast to support ongoing response efforts to the BP Deepwater oil spill.</p>

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Monday, 05/10/2010 (Cont'd)	Navy Supports Skimming Operations	<p>The U.S. Navy is providing assistance in the areas of skimming and salvage operations—including 16 Modular Skimming Systems deployed to Gulfport, Miss. 1,400 total associated Department of Defense personnel have been deployed in support of spill cleanup and mitigation.</p>
	New Staging Location Opens in Amelia, La.	<p>14 staging areas have been set up to protect vital shoreline in all potentially affected Gulf Coast states (Biloxi, Miss., Pascagoula, Miss., Pensacola, Fla., Panama City, Fla., Dauphin Island, Ala., Grand Isle, La., Shell Beach, La., Slidell, La., Venice, La., Orange Beach, Al., Theodore, Al., Pass Christian, Ms., Amelia, La., and Cocodrie, La.).</p>
	Property Damage Claims Processed	<p>BP reports that 5,710 property damage claims have been opened, from which \$2.4 million has been disbursed. No claims have been denied at this time. Approximately 60 operators are answering phones, and average wait time is currently less than a minute. To file a claim, or report spill-related damage, call BP's helpline at (800) 440-0858. For 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.</p>
	NOAA Conducts Research and Evaluation	<p>NOAA Research is evaluating the information obtained from the NOAA P-3 (hurricane hunter) aircraft flight over the Gulf of Mexico Loop Current on May 8.</p>
	Lessons Learned from Exxon Valdez Examined	<p>Alaska and Louisiana Sea Grant personnel are meeting regularly with Alaska Oil Spill Responders to explore lessons learned from the Exxon Valdez incident and possible applications to the Deepwater Horizon. NOAA's Sea Grant is a university-based network of more than 3,000 scientists, engineers and educators.</p>

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Monday, 05/10/2010 (Cont'd)	Fish & Wildlife Field Crews Respond	<p>Eight field crews have been deployed from the Dennis Pass Wildlife Staging Area to observe the impact on wildlife due to the spill. Wildlife search and capture teams conducted boat operations from the Lake Borgne to the Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River and west to Cameron, La. Four helicopters conducted aerial surveys to observe wildlife and determine if rescue operations are needed in potentially affected areas.</p>
	Water and Sediment is Sampled	<p>The U.S. Geological Survey completed water and sediment sampling at 16 sites along coastal Alabama and Mississippi. USGS is preparing for sampling in Texas and Florida, and also for sea-grass bed surveys.</p>
	Plans Begin for Bioremediation	<p>USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is assessing the capabilities of Plant Materials Centers and asking commercial growers to ramp up plant propagation efforts for potential future bioremediation efforts.</p>
	Aerial Dispersant Spray Missions Flown	<p>Modular Aerial Spray System (MASS) aircraft flew multiple missions—dispensing the same dispersant chemical being used by BP and the federal responders. These systems are capable of covering up to 250 acres per flight.</p>
	Assets to Date	<p><i>Total response vessels: more than 290</i> <i>Boom deployed: more than 1 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)</i> <i>Boom available: more than 1.4 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)</i> <i>Oily water recovered: approximately 3.6 million gallons</i> <i>Dispersant used: approximately 372,000 gallons</i> <i>Dispersant available: more than 180,000 gallons</i> <i>Overall personnel responding: approximately 10,000</i></p>

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