

City of Orange Beach—Information

BP / Deepwater Horizon Incident Oil Spill



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As of this release, Orange Beach coastline is clear. At its closest point the oil slick is 50-60 miles away from Fort Morgan. The oil slick has not reached our shorelines and NOAA is not forecasting it to reach our shores in the next 72 hours. Forecasting beyond 72 hours is not available.

The City has scheduled a fifth general information meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 12pm at the Orange Beach Recreation Center. The location has been changed to handle the large crowd anticipated. These meetings will be held regularly on Wednesdays at noon to give citizens the opportunity to be updated by the Mayor and other City Leaders about the City's response and action plan.

Although there has been a report of a suspected underwater plume near the well, the Unified Command at the site has not verified that the plume is actually oil. In any case, it is far off shore and southwest of Gulf Shores & Orange Beach. Local emergency management officials do not consider it an issue for our area at this time.

BP announces the availability of an informational Web site designed to offer state-specific oil spill information to Alabama residents in communities affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. BP is committed to engaging in close communication with residents, businesses and elected officials of Alabama. Residents are encouraged to visit this site frequently and sign up for the mailing list to receive the most current information about the spill response. The Alabama State site can be found at: www.alabamagulfresponse.com. This website is dedicated to providing information about activities and events most important to residents of Alabama. Residents can sign up to receive email updates, follow an RSS feed, a Twitter feed or a Facebook page with this information. The site is interactive as well; we welcome inquiries, and will deliver updates directly to those who wish to receive them.

According to the BP officials, no new vessels will be accepted into the Vessels of Opportunity program and the program is being restructured.

The Small Business Administration has opened a recovery center in Gulf Shores, at the Harry Roberts Community House, 300 E 16th Avenue. SBA representatives will be on hand to help guide you through the application process. These loans will not impact any BP claims. The office is open Monday thru Saturday, 8am to 5pm. They will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

NOAA Fisheries Service has modified the boundaries of the closed fishing area to better reflect the current location of the BP oil spill. Commercial and recreational fishing including catch and release is prohibited in the closed area. The majority of Gulf waters have not been affected by the oil spill and continue to support productive fisheries and tourism activities. Charter boats are leaving our docks every day to fish areas up to 25 miles out and in our very plentiful inshore waters.

BP has opened Claims Office in Orange Beach. The Claims Office is a walk in facility. It is located at 24039 Perdido Beach Blvd, behind Wintzell's in Romar Lakes neighborhood. The hours are Sunday through Saturday, 8am-6pm. The phone number for this office is 251-974-2050. You may contact this office even if you have already contacted another claims office or the claims 1-800 number. The BP Claims phone number is 800-440-0858 and is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

For daily video updates and pictures, visit www.orangebeach.com/issues.

For other webcams along the beaches, visit www.bamabeachcams.com

For updated fishing information, visit orangebeachfishingassociation.blogspot.com