

City of Orange Beach—Information

BP / Deepwater Horizon Incident Oil Spill



July 21, 2010 5 pm

Aerial Flight Data Report: 7/21, Morning: Between Perdido Pass to Fort Morgan has light "Non-Metallic" Sheen, Orange Beach, Al—Back Bays are clear of any Surface Oil. Between Four Season Pier to Phoenix West 2 has mixture of light and Heavy "Metallic" Sheen. Gulf Shores, Al—South of Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge and end of Beach Road has mixture of Light and Heavy "Metallic" Sheen. Ft. Morgan, Al—Light "Non-Metallic" Sheen along the shore line. **7/21, Afternoon:** There is no afternoon report due to training.

Air Quality Report 7/19/10: Air monitoring results show that crude oil vapors were not detected throughout residential, shoreline, and commercial areas between Port Arthur, TX, and Apalachee Bay, FL. All but one particulate matter measurement were within the range of baseline readings. One particulate measurement of 0.125 mg/m³ was reported directly downwind of visible boat exhaust on Sand Dune Drive in Gulf Shores, Alabama. VOC readings were collected at this location and were non-detect. Testing teams trained in odor detection also noted the presence or absence of crude oil odors. No crude oil odors were reported. Sporadic visible oil was reported at the end of Highway 180 near Dixie Graves Parkway in Gulf Shores, Alabama and along Fort Pickens Road in Gulf Breeze, Florida. VOC readings collected at these locations were non-detect. *Report from Center for Toxicology for Environmental Health.*

Waterways Open to Idle Speed Only-No Wake: Effective today, the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has proclaimed all waterways south of Bear Point to the Easter Shore of the Mouth of Ono Harbor on Ono Island to be designated as "Idle Speed Only—No Wake" areas for all vessels. This will include Bayou St John, Terry Cove, Terry Cove Harbor, Cotton Bayou and Perdido Pass. The public boat launches at Cotton Bayou and Boggy Point are still closed.

National Marine Fisheries Services Team from NOAA Examining Dolphin population in the Perdido Bay complex which includes Perdido Bay and the northern back bays of Orange Beach. The team members were here last month and back again this week. They have observed 30-40 healthy bottle nose dolphins, including calves and newborns. The dolphins were in good physical condition and were exhibiting normal behavior. The scientists will be visiting our area periodically to check up on our dolphin population. You can learn more about what NOAA is doing to protect our marine resources at www.noaa.gov.

Beach Clean Up Moving to Over Night: The clean up on the beach has changed. Instead of using manual labor during the day, the BP subcontractors are using beach cleaning machinery during the overnight hours. This plan seems to clean up more product more efficiently. The sub contractors have promised the City that portions of our beach will be cleaned every night.

"Grillin' for the Gulf" Everyone is invited to this free lunch sponsored by Masterbuilt out of Columbus, Georgia. It will be Friday, July 23, noon-2pm at the Erie Meyer Civic Center. John Mclemore, President of Masterbuilt, says "We decided to throw the people a barbecue to give them a break so they can forget about the spill for an hour or two and just enjoy themselves".

Oil Spill Stress Lecture Announced: There will be a free lecture on how to handle the oil spill stress at 6:00 p.m. Thursday July 22 at the University of South Alabama Main Campus in Mobile (Nursing Lecture Hall - Room 1013 - Health Sciences Building) To make reservations or submit questions for the lecture, call Kim Barnes at 251-460-7770 or send an email to kebarnes@usouthal.edu<<mailto:kebarnes@usouthal.edu>>.

IRS Offers Tax Payer Assistance: Individuals who have questions about the BP payments or who are experiencing filing or payment hardships because of the oil spill should contact the IRS at 866-562-5227. For further information, including the tax treatment of BP compensation payments, see [Questions & Answers](#) about the Gulf oil spill on the IRS website, IRS.gov. Taxpayers are also encouraged to visit DisasterAssistance.gov, which has information on assistance for Gulf oil spill victims.