



## **NOAA Web Update May 13, 2010**

### **DEEPWATER HORIZON Incident**

**Situation: Thursday 13 May** – Today, David Kennedy, acting Assistant Administrator for NOAA’s National Ocean Service joined EPA at a community listening session in Houma, Louisiana while Dr. Larry Robinson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere at NOAA received operational updates on Shoreline Clean-up and Assessment Team activities on Dauphin Island, Alabama, at the incident command center in Mobile. Also today, Mary Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere at NOAA participated in a federal agency community information session in Port Sulphur, Louisiana. Mary Glackin also conducted an overflight of the oil spill.

All ports in the area are open. Winds are expected to continue into the weekend with scattered thunderstorms, and isolated rain Monday and Tuesday. A cold front is expected in about a week.

NOAA’s National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center are conducting bottlenose dolphin studies in Mississippi and Louisiana. The samples will be used to evaluate baseline levels of exposure to oil and other environmental contaminants. The team will be working near Grand Isle, Louisiana, and in Mississippi Sound. Fish and shrimp are being monitored in the closed areas.

#### ***Response to date:***

- Total response vessels: 526
- Containment Boom deployed: over 1.1 million feet
- Containment boom available: over 300,000 feet
- Sorbent boom deployed: over 320,000 feet
- Sorbent boom available: over 850,000 feet
- Boom deployed: over 1.4 million feet (regular plus sorbent and fire boom)
- Boom available: over 1 million feet (regular plus sorbent and boom)
- Oily water recovered: more than 5 million gallons
- Dispersant used: over 475,000 gallons
- Dispersant available: more than 215,000 gallons
- Overall personnel responding: more than 13,000