

****Gulf Breeze: Oil Spill Update****

May 7, 2010 72 Hour Forecast: No Oil Expected

At the May 6th, 2010 the City Council approved a combined protective and active response plan to defend the city's shoreline against the current oil spill disaster.

- The Council authorized a preliminary budget of \$150,000 for equipment, staffing and training over the next 90 days.

The plan works in conjunction with the primary defensive measures being deployed by the Navy and BP to minimize the infiltration of oil at Pensacola Pass.

- The Council authorized the creation of a volunteer group of "Coast Watchers" who would be responsible for spotting any oil threatening our shores and calling to deploy the spill response crew.
- The City will create a spill response crew, trained and equipped to contain, skim and/or absorb oil that may get by the primary barriers.
- Protective barriers (oil booms) will be deployed to protect access to bayous, and wetlands.

The City's plans have been submitted to the State:

- Deployment of protective booms has been assigned to BP by the State.
- Coast Guard review of the spill response crew plan was commended and recommended for reimbursement funding from BP / State. Final determination is still pending.

Other Items:

- Turbidity curtains arrived and were offloaded.
- 48 Inch diesel oil skimmer was placed on order.
- Weather is helping to delay the arrival of the spill.
- Spill response crew of 4 volunteer firemen has been created. Training completed today.

Volunteer Training available:

- Basic (2 sequential 45 min sessions) - max of 200 attendees
 - 5/10 (Monday) Gulf Breeze Community Life Center 6:00 PM
 - 5/14 (Wednesday) Gulf Breeze Rec Center 3:00 PM
 - 5/17 (Monday) Gulf Breeze Community Life Center 6:00PM
- Intermediate (4 hour session) - max of 60 attendees
 - 5/14 (Wednesday) Gulf Breeze Rec Center 5:00 PM

The City of Gulf Breeze will provide periodic updates as more information becomes available.

Please feel free to forward this email to neighbors and area residents.

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We encourage all residents to stay informed about the forecasts for this and any future events.