

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

June 2, 2010

72 Hour Forecast: No Oil Expected in Gulf Breeze; Santa Rosa Island / Pensacola Beach - possible impact

The weather is no longer favoring Florida. The plume has moved east (toward us). Indications of oil have been reported about 10 miles from Pensacola Pass. Current NOAA [forecast map for Thursday, June 3, 2010 \(pdf file\)](#).

- Boom deployment in the bayous around Gulf Breeze will begin in the next few days, if you are a resident and you do not want your vessel contained in one of these bayous it needs to be removed immediately. DO NOT try to get past the booms once they are deployed, we do not want them damaged.
- An additional call for volunteer assistance in filling reusable mesh bags with absorbency material is requested. It will be held at the Rec Center Saturday morning at 9 am.

A word on booms:

A boom is a temporary means of retaining oil that floats atop the water. While booms are an important part of an active response strategy, including skimming and daily maintenance, they should not be viewed as a universal cure all, nor as a permanent passive barrier to protect the shoreline. Booms must be maintained with correct anchoring for changes in wind, tide, current, and be monitored for repairs. The effectiveness depends upon reasonably mild wind conditions. Booms are only marginally effective for tarballs and subsurface debris.

Note; its is easier and generally quicker to clean oil and tarballs from sandy shores than to clean that debris from booms and turbidity curtains.

The City benefits from the booming strategy employed at Pensacola pass which effectively closes off the bay from incoming oil. These booms are being operated by the US Coast Guard and BP. This is the primary defense.

- If you spot indications of oil please report it to **Report Oil Sightings - 1-866-448-5816 with specifics (Location, Type of oil, Approx size or amount, time); please also report the sighting to Gulf Breeze Police Dispatch 934-4050.**

Homeowner Tips for Protecting Florida's Shoreline

http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/files/protect_shoreline_tips.pdf

Volunteer Training available:

Please visit the City of Gulf Breeze Oil Spill Information [page](#) and click on "Volunteer Training Registration Information"

<http://www.cityofgulfbreeze.com/oil%20spill.html>

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

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