



"Preparation: Paves the Path to Success"

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Discussion Topics:

- **The Deepwater Horizon (DWH) Incident**
- **DWH Response**
 - MSRC Response Effort: A historic view
- **"Preparation: Paves the Path to Success"**
 - The 6 "P's": Critical Success Factors
- **The Foundation:**
 - MSRC Capability Pre-DWH
- **Preparation for the Next Response:**
 - post-DWH
 - The MSRC "Deep Blue" Expansion Program
- **Closing Comments**

Deepwater Horizon Incident: Background

- **Drilling exploratory well in Mississippi Canyon 252 (MC-252)**
 - About 40nm (64km) offshore Louisiana
- **At 21:45 hrs, 20 April 2010: Explosion and fire**
 - 11 workers lost
- **BP initiates response**
 - Search and rescue operation
 - Source control
 - Mechanical recovery
 - Dispersants
 - aerial & sub-sea
 - Burning
 - Shoreline Protection
 - Plus many, many other activities



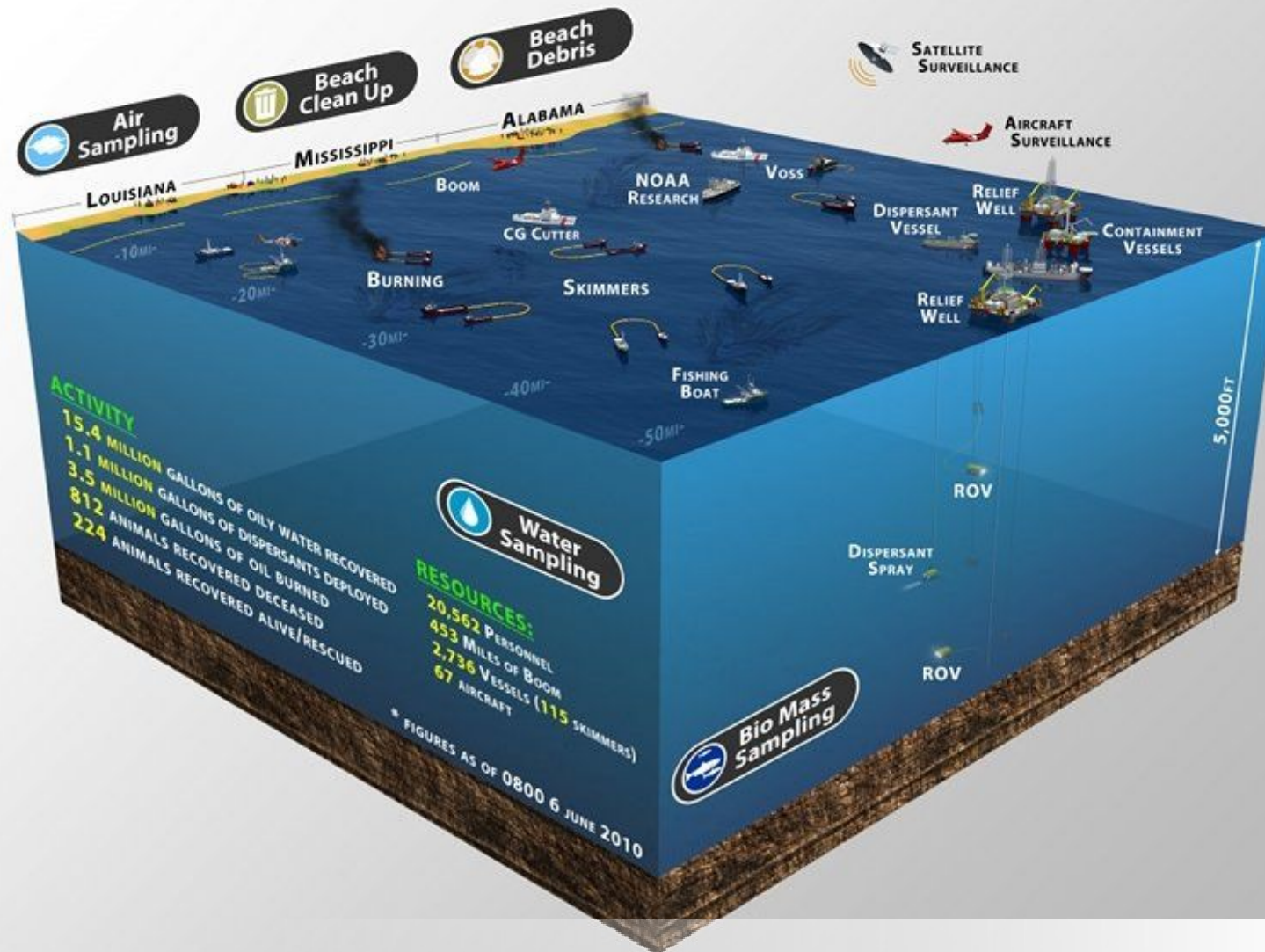
Source: Wikipedia



**Deepwater Horizon:
April 21-22, 2010**



DWH Response: Multiple Tactics & Tools Utilized



Deepwater Horizon Spill: A Snapshot in Time



Deepwater Horizon Spill: May 24, 2010

Source: NASA Terra Satellite

DWH Response: Background

- **Morning 22 April: Rig sinks**
 - Water depth: ~5,000' (~1,524m)
 - First report of oil sheen on water
- **BP ramps up unprecedented response**
 - President declares DWH a "Spill of National Significance" (SONS)
- **15 July: "capping stack" cuts off flow of oil**
- **19 September: relief well kills "Macondo Well"**



DWH Incident: Immediate Aftermath

- **Rule Changer**: The DWH incident has and will continue to change US Energy policy for the foreseeable future
- **Moratorium** was issued to halt drilling of new wells offshore US
- **Public perception and awareness of the spill at unprecedented level**
- **24/7 news, cable and social medium (Twitter, Facebook and others) were key drivers of public sentiment**
- **Finally, was catalyst for new oil spill response planning requirements and Agency oversight (and expectations)**



MSRC Role in DWH Response:

- **With any spill, it is important to recognize the role of the participant**
- **MSRC was the single largest oil spill response contractor**
- **MSRC provided services including:**
 - **Mechanical recovery**
 - **Dispersant Services**
 - **In situ burn**
 - **Emergency Communications Services**
 - **General Contractor for hiring of subcontractors**

MSRC Role in DWH Response:

- **As important, MSRC was not involved in:**
 - Relief well drilling activities
 - Subsea Well Control Efforts
 - Drafting of Federal Response Plan or Spill Management



Photo Source: Google Images

MSRC Mechanical Recovery Response:

- **12 “Responder” Class Oil Spill Response Vessels (OSRVs)**
 - Including 2 California based OSRVs which were routed via Panama Canal in unprecedented move
- **3 Ocean-going barges**
- **22 Shallow Water Barges**
- **6 Fast Response Vessels**
- **71 Marine Assets**
- **42 Skimmers**
- **~65,000 ft (~20,000m) of boom**



MSRC Dispersant Services:

- **King Air 90 based at Stennis Airfield in Mississippi was immediately activated**
- **C-130 based in Coolidge, Arizona was immediately activated and relocated to Stennis Airfield**
- **MSRC coordinated all dispersant logistic services for Stennis based aircraft including:**
 - **4 C-130s**
 - **4 U.S. Air Force C-130s assigned to work with industry**
 - **~801,000 gallons of dispersant sprayed from Stennis based aircraft**
- **Dispersant Capability was developed in absence of any Regulatory requirement**
 - **Key concept in Preparedness**



MSRC In Situ Burn Support:

- **MSRC provided 9 in-situ burn kits**
 - Long lead time for manufacture make burn systems a critical inventory item to be able to utilize this tool
- **MSRC provided support personnel**



Emergency Communications Response:

- **5 Emergency Satellite Communications Packages**
- **Personnel (76)**
 - **MSRC (30)**
 - **Specialized Contractor Companies (46)**
- **Services included:**
 - **Full deployment and support**
 - **Telephone and Data Internet support via satellite link**
 - **Established emergency communications until permanent systems were in place**



MSRC General Contractor Services

- **52 Contractors**
 - 7,278 contract personnel at peak of activities
- **Services included:**
 - Shoreline Clean-up (pre and post impact)
 - Boom deployment
 - Skimming operations
 - OSRV Back-deck Operations
 - Shallow Water Response Operations
 - Logistics Support
 - Safety



Preparing for a Spill: The 6 “P’s”

- **Key Success Factor:**

"Preparation: Paves the Path to Success"

Or, stated another way:

***"Proper Planning & Preparation
Prevents Poor Performance"***

Key question: How do you get there?

Preparing for the spill: The 6 “P’s”

- **Commitment of Customers/Members:**
 - Capital to buy equipment
 - Operating Budget
 - Hire, retain & train personnel;
 - Support long-term readiness posture
 - This includes maintenance; Quality Assurance drills and Quality Control Inspections
 - New initiatives
 - Certified dispersant spray aircraft
 - Train, drill and work together **BEFORE** oil spills onto the water
- **Then --- build off a strong base of assets**

MSRC Responder Class OSRV



- **15 Dedicated Oil Spill Response Vessels nationwide**
 - Dedicated special purpose
 - **High capacity skimming systems**
 - Boom-oil containment
 - Storage
 - **Floating inventory of ocean boom for enhanced “U” skimming**
 - ~2,240m on Gulf of Mexico OSRVs post DWH
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- **210 ft (64m) length**
 - **12 knot speed of advance**
 - **4,000 bbl (636m³) temporary storage**
 - **2 Oil water separators**
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- **Berthing for 38**
 - **Medical facility**
 - **Helicopter deck**
 - **Command and control capability**

Oil Spill Response Barges (OSRBs)



- **Converted from oil storage to skimming barges**
- **19 Barges Nationwide**
 - Dedicated
- **High capacity skimming systems**
 - New technology dual skimmers
 - Boom-oil containment
 - Storage
- **Floating inventory of ocean boom for enhanced “U” skimming**
 - Approximately 2,600 ft each post-DWH

Protected Water Systems



■ Fast Response Vessels (FRVs)

- 47 ft. (14.3m) length
- 26 knot
- Lori Brush skimmers
- 50 bbl (~8 m³) storage



■ Shallow Water Response Barges (SBS)

- 2 Pontoons
- Self propelled or push boats
- GT 185 skimmers
- 400 bbls (~64 m³) of storage
- Draws 3 feet (<1m) of water

Protected Water Systems



MSRC Dispersant Services

MSRC Customer's desire for preparedness drove new program development and multi-year funding prior to regulatory requirement



Source: MSRC

Emergency Communications Services



- **Emergency Communications Packages**
 - Use in spill and non-spill emergencies
 - Suites provide marine and aviation radios
 - Dedicated satellite access
 - Independent telephone system (96 phone stations per suite)
 - ✓ Use at operating facilities avoids co-mingling with operations
 - ✓ Fulfills regulatory requests to move command centers to other locations with little infrastructure support
- **30 Full time Communications & IT experts on staff**

MSRC Services - Spill Response

- The single core component to any successful response?

Trained & Qualified Personnel

- Experience on over 700 spills in last 20 years
- Extensive use of proven MSRC Health & Safety procedures, training protocols, management systems & procedures
- Extensive GOM experience including multiple responses during Hurricanes *Katrina/Rita* (2005)
 - Lessons learned from *Katrina* were recycled back into operations plan
- Continuous improvement.
 - Extensive tactical lessons learned from DWH are being recycled back into operations plan

Post-DWH Expansion: The MSRC Deep Blue Program

- With a US moratorium in place prohibiting drilling new wells, MSRC's funding members challenged MSRC to quickly expand response capability for GOM Operations
- In short order, MSRC set off a worldwide procurement of various asset types.
- This geographic expansion was termed

“Deep Blue”

Conversion of Platform Supply Vessels (PSVs) for dual service Oil Spill Response

- **Five (5) Platform Supply Vessels (PSVs) were converted for dual mission**
 - Daily mission: PSV Service to rigs
 - Oil Spill Response capable
- **Outfitted with:**
 - Skimmer
 - Boom
 - Daughter Craft
 - Reduced visibility capability
 - Tanks converted for recovered oil
- **MSRC Partners:**
 - Hornbeck Offshore Services (2)
 - Edison Chouest Offshore (3)



Converted Deep Blue Dual Mission PSVs:



MSRC Deep Blue Program: Skimmers

Procured High Capacity,
High Efficiency Skimmers:
5 PSVs, 2 “Responders” &
Skimming Barges



MSRC Deep Blue Program: Ocean Boom

- **Procured ~69,000' (~21,000m) Ocean rated boom**
- **Special sized to commingle with existing MSRC inventory**
 - 1.70m height
- **Stored in Gulf of Mexico on OSRVs, OSRBs and PSVs**

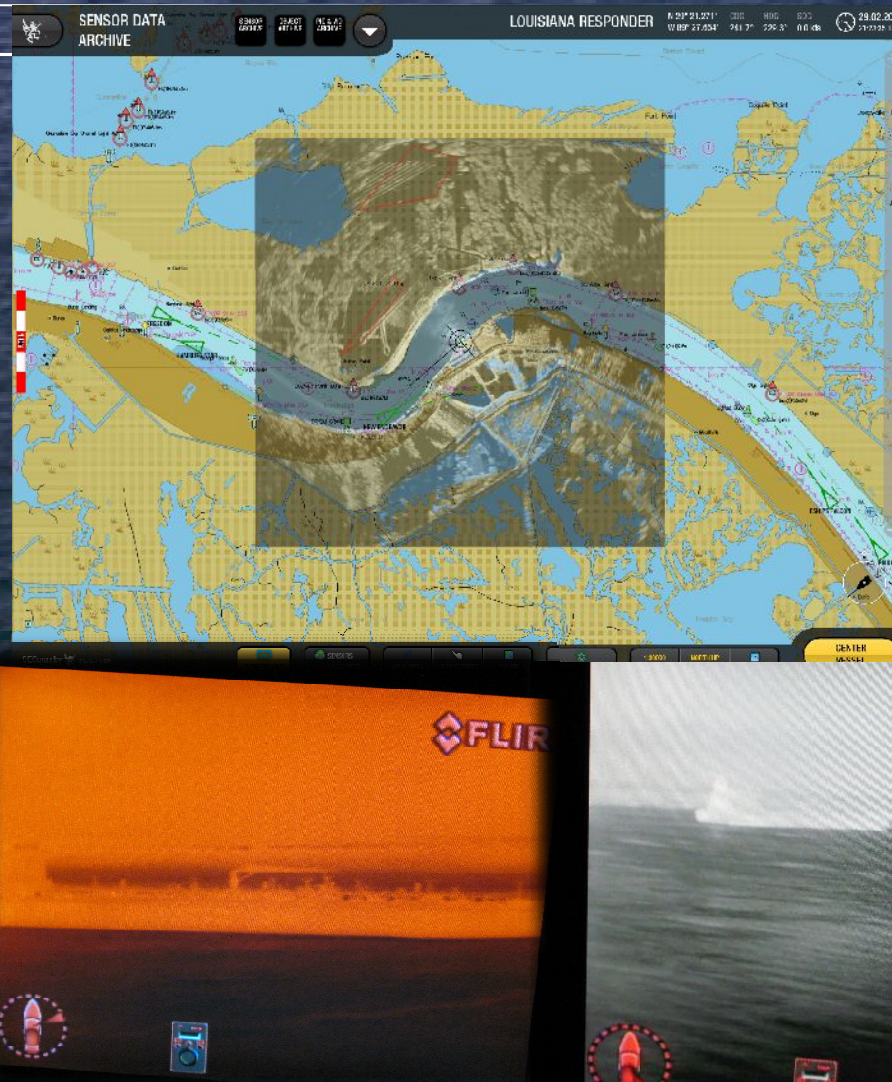


MSRC Deep Blue Program: Ocean Boom on OSRVs



MSRC Deep Blue Program: Low Visibility Capability

- Capability added to Gulf area OSRVs, OSRBs and PSVs
 - Rutter X-Band Oil Spill Detection & FLIR Infra Red
 - Communications on OSRBs
- Expansion to 8 remaining "Responder" Class OSRVs in '12



MSRC Deep Blue Program: Low Visibility Capability on GoM Barges



MSRC Deep Blue Program: Burn Kits

- **Burn systems:**
 - **MSRC Procured 20,000' (6,098m) new fireboom**
 - **Total fireboom inventory:**
 - **22,500' (6,860m)**



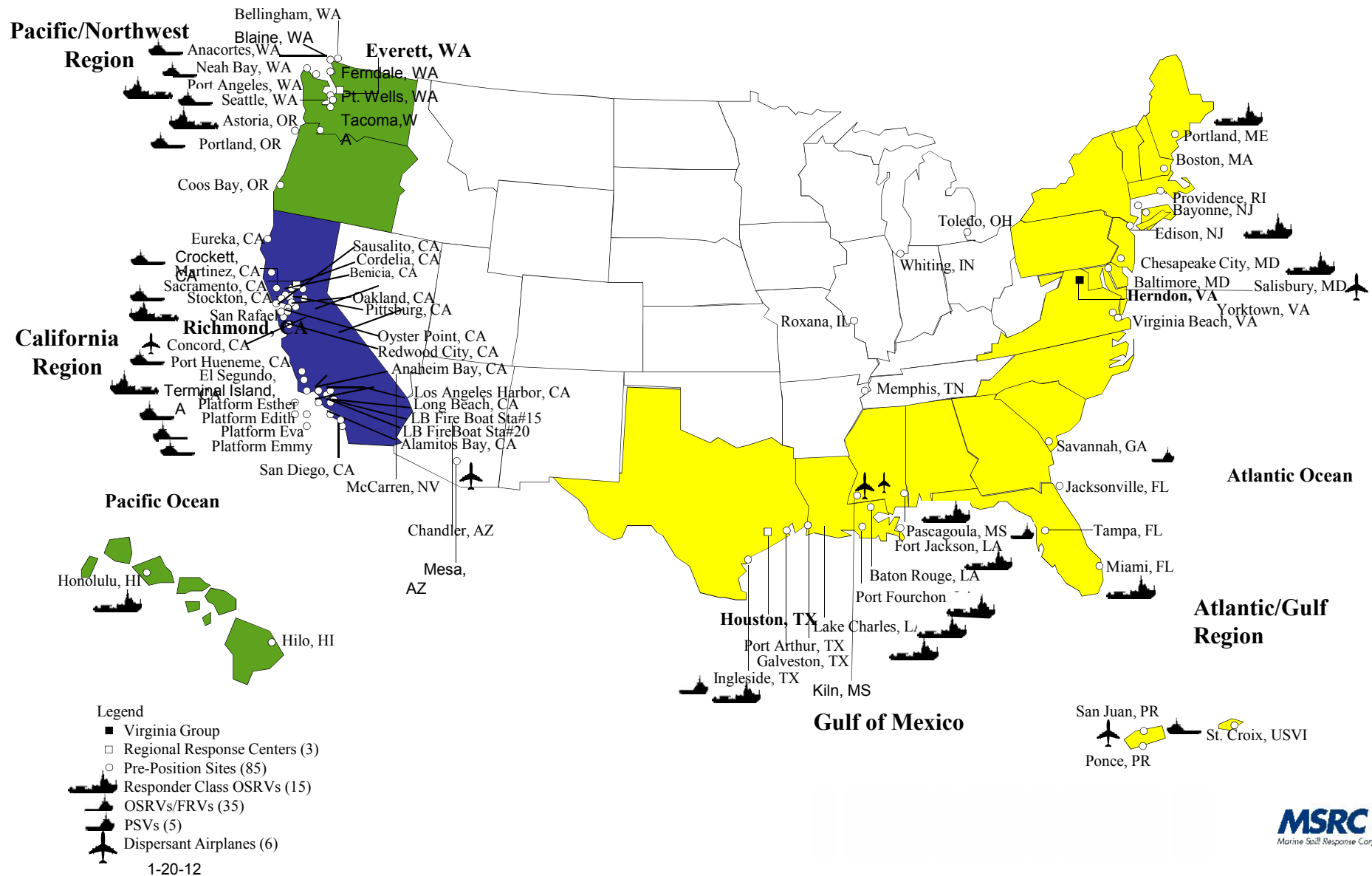
MSRC Resources: Post Deep Blue Expansion

- Largest oil spill response organization worldwide
- 10 times the size (equipment and personnel) of other US national response organization
- \$500 million initial capitalization

Asset Roll-Up:

- 453 Dedicated personnel
- 85 Equipment sites
 - 36 Manned sites
- 50 Oil Spill Response Vessels (OSRVs)
 - 15 x 210 ft (64m). OSRVs
 - 5 x Fast Response Vessels (FRVs)
 - 5 x PSVs (85 – 113m)
- 19 Oil Spill Response Barges (OSRBs)
 - Capacity from 12,000 – 68,000 bbls (1,907 – 10,811m³)
- 68 Shallow Water Skimming Barges
- 654,000 ft (~200,00m) of boom
 - Various all sizes
- 293 Skimming Systems
- Low visibility electronics
 - Enhanced X-Band Radar
 - Infra Red Capability
- Fire Boom Systems
 - 22,500' (6,860m) dedicated in-house
 - Access agreements

Regional Response Centers and Areas of Operation: Post Deep Blue



Closing Comments:

- **The Deepwater Horizon response effort was unprecedented**
- **This said, if one were balanced in their review, it was a great success--**
 - **Operations were accomplished safely; minimal health and safety issues**
 - **Operations were accomplished promptly**
 - **Minimal shoreline impact of oil**
 - **Strong working relationships inside response organization**
 - **Excellent support (financial and working) from BP**
 - **BP acted responsibly and committed beyond US Limits of Liability**

Closing Comments:

This said, there were challenges and lessons to be contemplated before the next response:

- **How to deal with perception of oiled beaches and tainted seafood, which led many to shy away from area?**
 - Economic impact?
- **Dispersants and burning were successfully used.**
 - How to ensure that these tactics are available for use in future responses as a recognized “tool in your response toolbox”?

- **In the internet era, how does a responding company deal with images such as these shown 24/7?**



- **How does one use information, and social media/internet to *change* the public perception of the response?**

Closing Comments:

- **Economic Costs:**
 - **BP is one of the largest companies in the world**
 - **Response costs are estimated in the US\$billions**
 - **US\$17.7 billion as of 12/31/2010 (per BP website)**
 - **Third Party Damages and Penalties could add additional US\$billions**
- **Continuity of Response Operations:**
 - **“What if?” the spiller does NOT have the financial wherewithal to continue to act responsibly, as BP did?**
 - **In US, we have the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) at US\$1Billion**
 - **Not adequate in case of a spill similar to DWH**
 - **How does a responsible responder ensure its fiscal continuity? Oil spills are terribly expensive and require significant cash flow. What steps are to be taken? Who are to take them? And When?**

Closing Comments:

- Ensuring the long term commitment by plan holders --
 - Every day post-DWH, human nature will tend to minimize the impact of this spill.
 - How do we ensure readiness is not compromised?
 - Or asked another way, how do we ensure that for the next major spill we embrace

"Preparation: Paves the Path to Success"

- This conference, and others like it, provide an excellent forum to ensure that Lessons Learned are passed on; best practices are captured and Response Preparation for future spills is retained.

Closing Comments

Thank you for your attention. As this Symposium moves forward, you should challenge yourself to remember -----

"Proper Planning & Preparation Prevents Poor Performance"

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