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Summary of CTEH's Air Monitoring Activities for the Community In Response to the MC 252 Oil Spill

Daily Summary for May 17, 2010

Air monitoring was conducted between New Iberia, LA and Apalachee Bay, FL to address public concern for crude oil vapors. The results of air monitoring for May 16, 2010 18:00 – May 17, 18:00 are shown in Table 1 and 2 below and the locations where monitoring was conducted are shown in the map below (Figure 1).

Table 1 Summary of Air Monitoring In Residential and Commercial Areas Along the Gulf Coast

Crude Oil Chemicals of Interest	Number of Measurements	Average Concentration (ppm)	Maximum Concentration (ppm)
Volatile Organic Chemicals including benzene (VOCs)	553	0	0
Hydrogen sulfide	550	0	0
Sulfur dioxide	380	0	0
Benzene*	51	0	0
Total	1534		

*Benzene measured with detector tubes

Table 2

Particulates	Number of Measurements	Average Concentration (mg/m^3)	Maximum Concentration (mg/m^3)
Particulate Matter (PM10)*	142	0.018	0.055
Particulate Matter (PM2.5)*	395	0.014	0.05
Total	537		

*PM10 – is particulate matter less than 10 microns

*PM2.5 – is particulate matter less than 2.5 microns

Air monitoring results show that crude oil vapors were not detected throughout residential and commercial areas between New Iberia, LA and Apalachee Bay, FL. Particulate levels show that concentrations were in range with baseline readings and were below levels of concern. Testing teams trained in odors also noted the presence or absence of crude oil vapors (Figure 2). Oil odors were not detected between New Iberia, LA and Apalachee, FL.

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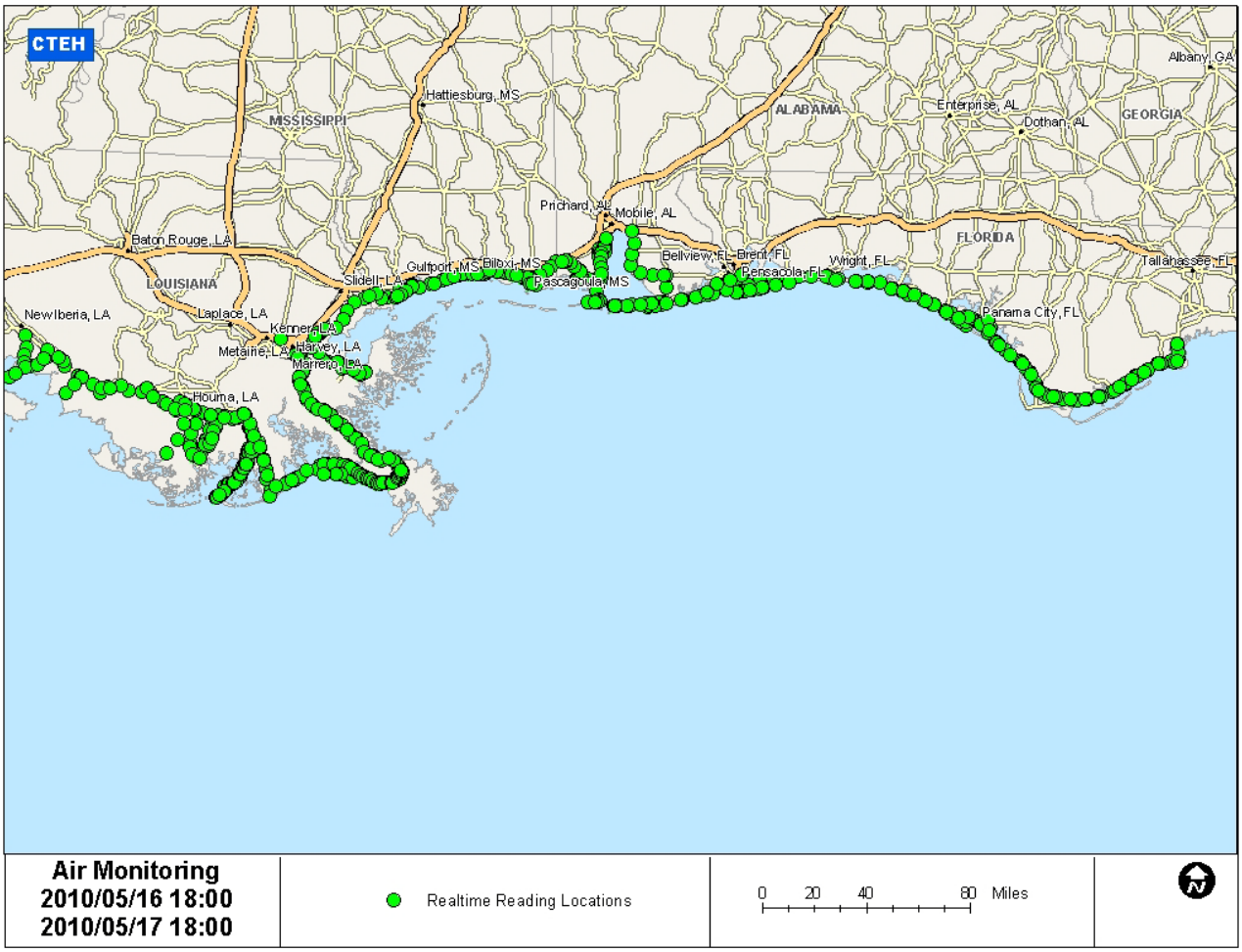
Figure 1 Map Showing Where Air Monitoring is Being Conducted Throughout the Gulf Coast States



Note – green dot shows the locations of air monitoring

Figure 2 – Odor Investigation Results

Note – blue dot means no odor detected, orange dot indicates that crude oil odors were detected.