BP Oil Spill, Gulf of Mexico

REOC Situation Update

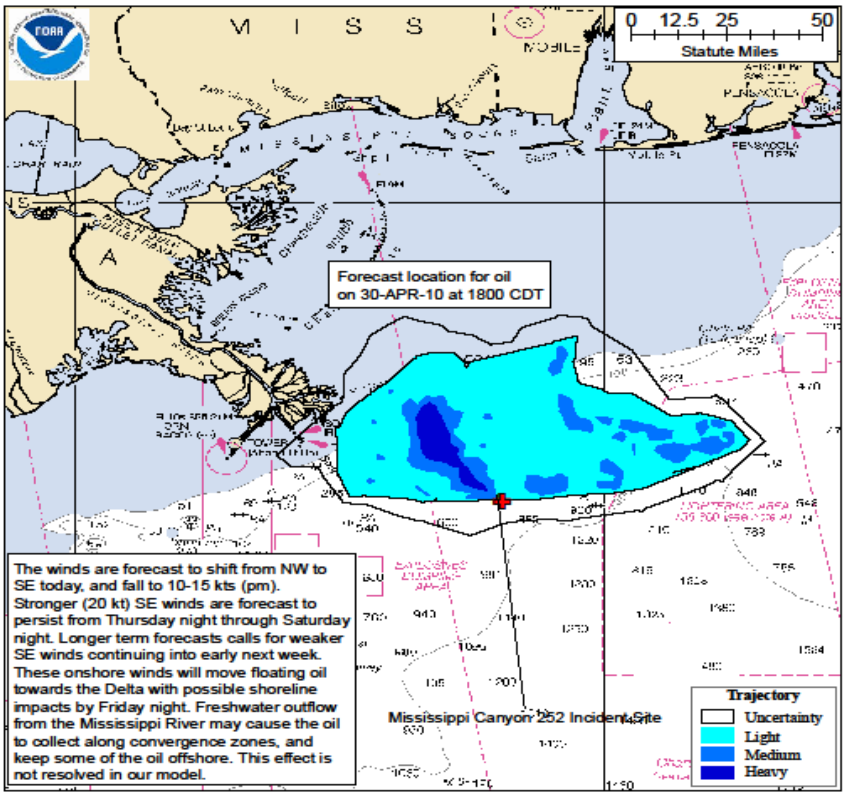
Situation Status:

- Oil spill trajectories

Mississippi Canyon 252

NOAA/NOS/ORR
Estimate for: 1800 CDT, Friday 4/30/10
Date Prepared: 0646 CDT, Wednesday 4/28/10

This forecast is based on NWS spot forecast from Tuesday, April 28 AM. Currents were obtained from the NOAA Gulf of Mexico model and Texas A&M/TGLO. The model was initialized from overflight data and satellite imagery and analysis provided by NOAA/NESDIS obtained the afternoon of April 27. The leading edge may contain tarballs that are not readily observable from the imagery (hence not included in the model initialization).



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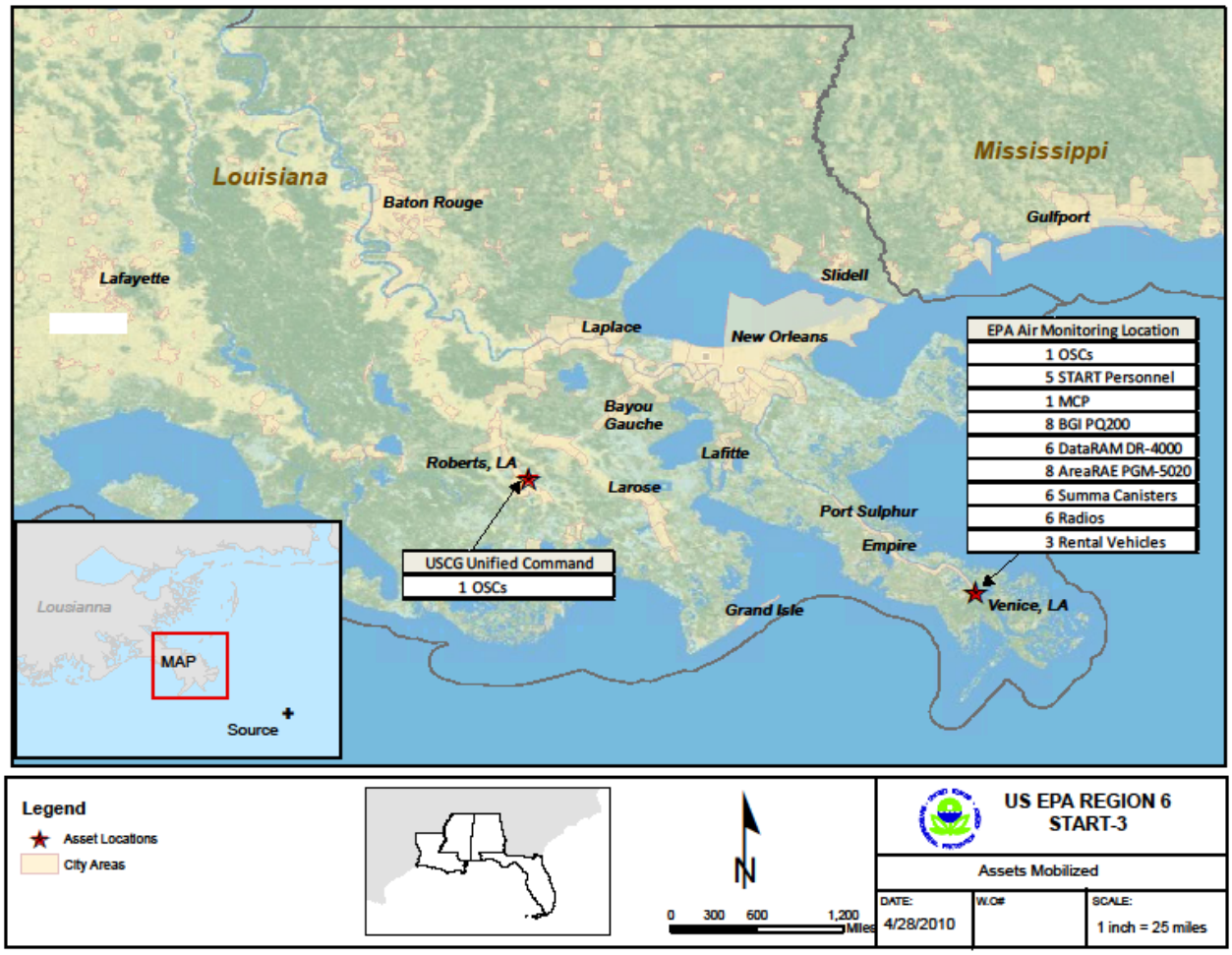
- Current Response Organization (ICS)



Current EPA Activities:

- EPA Region 6 is coordinating with LDEQ. LDEQ has agreed to increase sampling at their fixed monitoring sites and will begin deploying SUMMA canisters to collect daily VOC samples on 4/29.

- Air monitoring for particulates and VOCs began at 0800 yesterday(4/28) - See map for locations

    - V01 - 29.27425 N, 89.35406 W (monitored from 4/28, 0800 to 1600) discontinued at 1600 on 4/28
    - V02 - located at USCG - Venice - 29.25274 N., 89.35750 W (ongoing monitoring)
    - V03 - located at Welding Supply Co. in Boothville, LA - 29.31449 N, 89.38433 W (ongoing monitoring)
    - V04 - located at Fort Jackson - 29.35714 N., 89.45605 W (ongoing monitoring)

- Each location had 4 pieces of air equipment:
  - DataRAM - monitoring particulate matter
  - AreaRae - monitoring VOCs
  - PQ200 - samples for PM2.5
  - SUMMA Canisters per location - sample for VOCs

- Data from the air-monitoring equipment at V01 (DataRams and AreaRaes) 4/29 is downloaded and interpreted. Monitoring data from V02, V03, and V04 will be downloaded and interpreted daily

- Data from PQ200's and SUMMA canisters will be shipped today for laboratory analysis with 24 hour turnaround for analytical results.

- SUMMA Canisters include 3 grab samples for VOCs and three 8-hr samples for VOCs

- Preliminary air monitoring results from location V01

  - Max = 0.019 mg/m3
  - Average = 0.011825 mg/m3
  - Min = 0.008 mg/m3

- Amended the FPN PFRA from $500K to $1 mil

- USCG requested that OSC Moore relocate form Area Command to the ICP in Houma

- PM monitoring near the Louisiana coast northwest of the Mississippi Canyon oil spill indicate that the smoke plume from the April 28th test burn has not impacted this part of the coast. This is consistent with an off-shore breeze moving air from land over the Gulf. Monitoring should continue as the fire may produce emissions that impact the coast with changing wind direction.

Potential EPA Activities if oil slick reaches shore

- EPA authorities and jurisdiction (CWA/OPA and NCP)

- Participation on SCATs (shoreline cleanup and assessment teams)

- Air monitoring/sampling (complaints of odors)

- Near shore countermeasures (Dispersants, Bioremediation, etc.)

Current EPA Assets

- Deployed to Venice, LA
  - 1 OSC
  - 5 START personnel

- ASPECT Plane
- 1 MCP

- Deployed to Roberts, LA
  - 1 OSC
  - 1 PIO at JIC

- Activated in Dallas, TX
  - REOC is activated
  - RICT and SRICT activated
  - RRT activated
  - OSCs
  - RSC
  - START Personnel

- Potential EPA deployments
  - Additional OSC's as needed
  - TAGA
  - START personnel