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Tank Barge DM 932 \$5. July 23, 2008 The Response from the Perspective of the "Environmental Unit"

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Introduction

- Robert Simmons, P.E., President of Es²
- Served as primary Environmental Unit (EU) consultant to RP during DM 932 response.
- Served as EU Leader and subsequently as Planning Section Chief during DM 932 response/cleanup.
- Es² also provided SCAT, "Zone Manager" and GIS/Mapping personnel during DM 932 response.

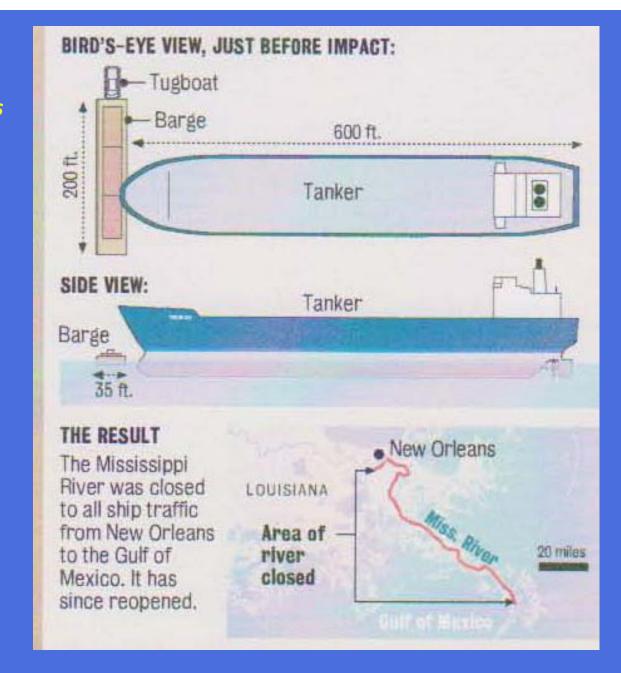


Incident Background

- July 23, 2008 @ 0130, downbound tankship TINTOMARA collides with tank barge DMI 932.
- Occurred in Mississippi River 2.5 miles above Greater New Orleans Bridge (downtown). (~MM 98.5)
- Catastrophic damage to DM 932; relatively insignificant damage to TINTOMARA.
- Initially assumed loss of entire cargo of 10,000 bbls of #6 oil from DM 932.
- Falling River/Fast Current
- DM 932 wreck winds up pinned against GNO Bridge



(Towing vessel was actually moving from left to right across the path of the tanker.)



From article in Times Picayune

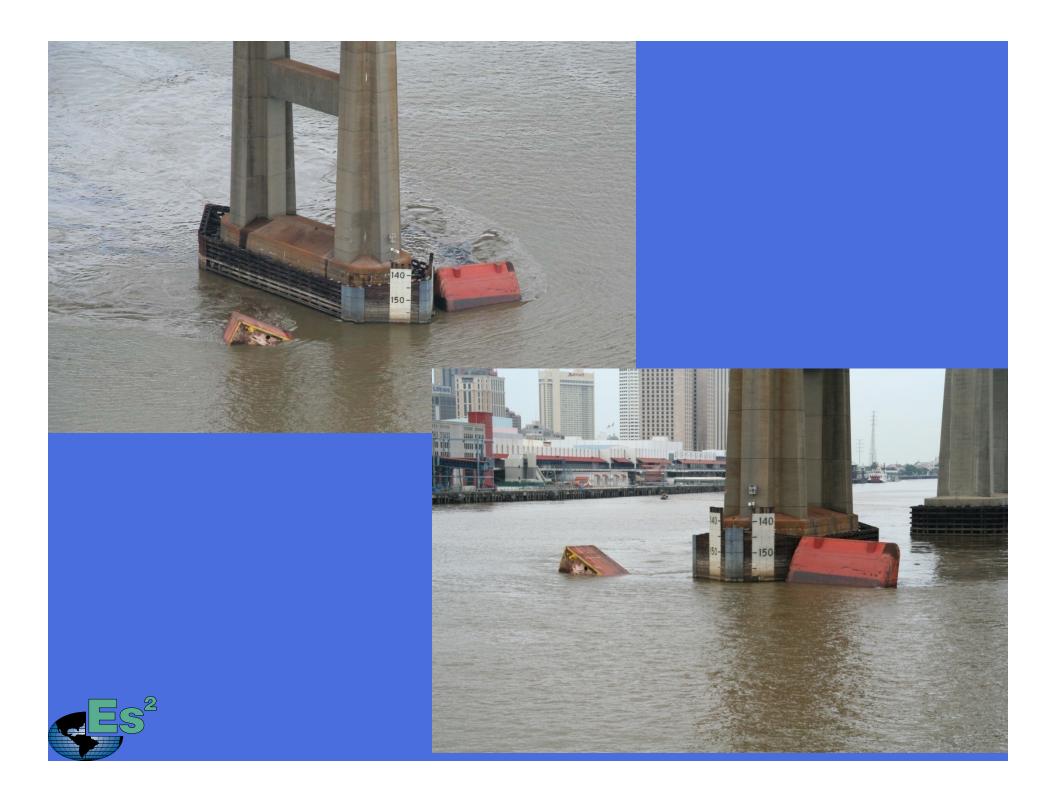












Peak Spill Response Resources (per ICS 209s)

- >2300 Responders *****
- >130,000 of containment boom
- ~200 boats
- ~35 Skimmers
- Full engagement by USCG GST
- >250 Federal Agency Personnel



Barge Salvage & Lightering

- Complexity of Salvage (Times Piceyune article)
- Duration of Salvage. (Completed day 18)
- Ongoing actual spillage & potential until salvage completed.
- 3250 bbls of 9983 bbl cargo successfully lightered.





Barge Salvage / Recovery Operations





Recovering the bow.

Recovering the stern





Initial Protection/Response / Cleanup Concerns (partial list)

- Municipal Water Intakes
- Locks
- Freshwater Diversions / Siphons
- Cruise Line, River Boat, and Ferry Terminals
- Commercial Traffic in River, vessel cleaning
- Shoreline impact in public/industrial areas
- Shoreline / batture impact in remote areas
- Underneath docks / wharves Port of New Orleans
- Rocks along RiverWalk in New Orleans
- Delta Wildlife Refuge (USFWS) Protective booming
- Wildlife / birds







Examples of various oiling conditions or habitats.







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SCAT Process

- Initially decided separation of SCAT and NR.
- SCAT initially setup and coordinated by MOAA
 - SCATTeam Participants (NOAA, USCG, LDEO, RP Consultants)
 - Segmentation Methodology
 - 5 river miles per Divisions (A-S)
 - 10 (1) mile segments (LDB & RDB) in each Division
 - Shoreline Access Issues
 - Boat Teams
 - Landside Teams
 - Helicopter (not official SCAT)
 - Large geographic area vs SCAT resolution needed
 - Initially "target rich" environment
 - Significance of Oil mapping methodology



SCAT Process, continued

- SCAT reports
 - Individual Data sheets
 - Summary Maps
 - Tabular report from NOAA database
 - Segment "dot" maps
 - Used in ICS 204s in IAP
- Transition from NOAA to Es² after initial round of SCAT.



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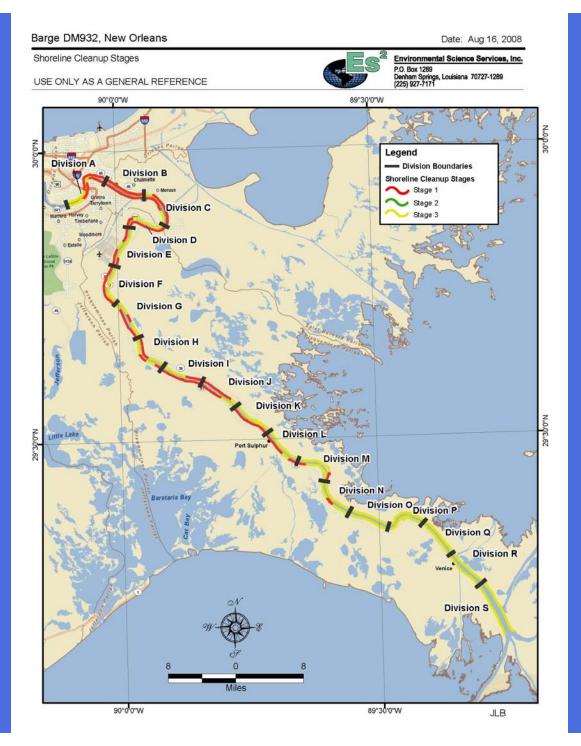
Example Tabular Report from Database

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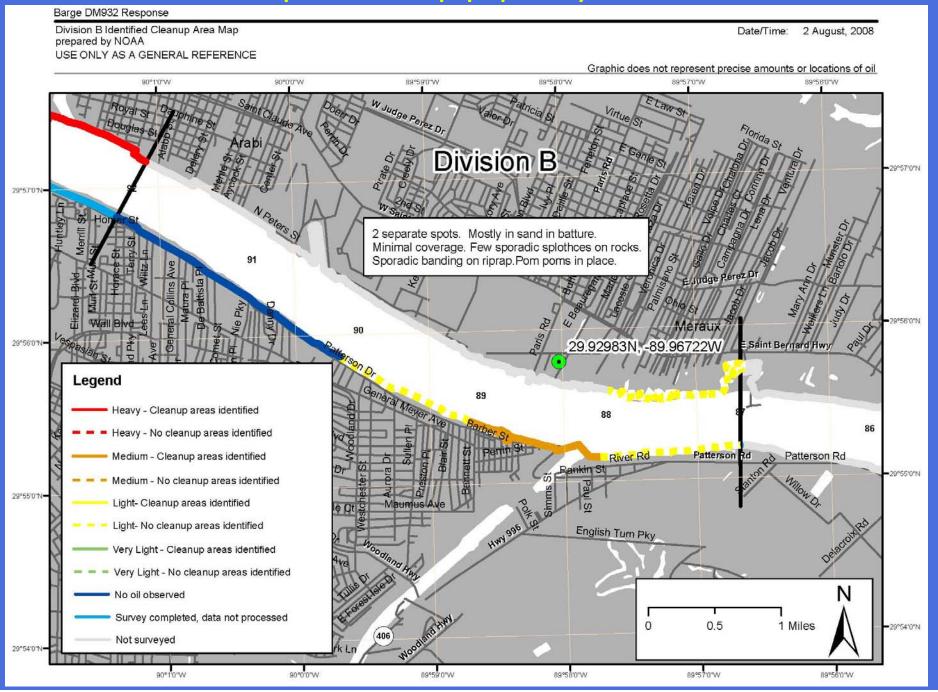
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Example Segment Status Summary Map



Example of initial maps prepared by NOAA



Example "Dot Map"

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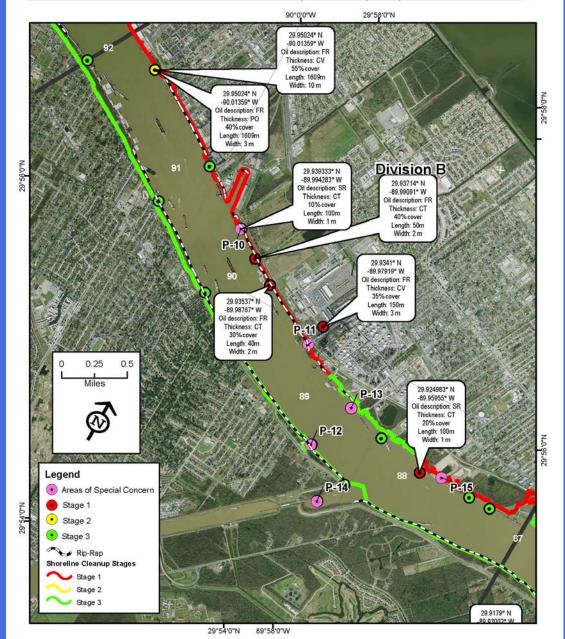
Identified Cleanup Area - Division B Original format prepared by NOAA USE ONLY AS A GENERAL REFERENCE



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Graphic does not represent precise amounts or locations of oil



Cleanup Endpoint Criteria

- Development and Unified Command Approval of Cleaning Endpoint Criteria (CEC) coordinated by NOAA SSC.
- Dissemination of CEC to field
 - Laminated pages distributed to field
 - Revisions
- Calibration and Training Sessions with Field Supervisors
- Evolution of <u>EU Leadership Meetings</u>.
 - Ops Section participation in these meetings
 - Role within ICS
 - Shoreline cleanup calibrations Issues
- Evolution of "Help Teams" to deal with "calibration" issues
- Transition to Sign Off Teams.
 - Sign off team members
 - USCG/NOAA, LDEQ, RP Consultant
 - Role / relation of USCG field monitors in each Division to sign off teams



Laminated Guidance Document Provided to Field Supervisors

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Cleanup Method Guidance

Overall Cleanup Endpoints

- · No mobile heavy oil or heavy oil that can be remobilized
- · No heavily oiled debris
- No appreciable contact risk to wildlife (if it comes off on your hands then it's a risk)
- . No activity that will cause more environmental harm than leaving the oil in place
- · No sheens greater than "nuisance" or very light sheens
- · No vegetation cutting unless specifically called out in the method guidance below

Highly Sensitive Area Cleanup Endpoints

- · No visible oil or oil stains in locations that the public can see
- · Visible oil with little or no accumulations on wood pilings

If the area does not meet the specified Cleanup Endpoints, than the appropriate cleanup method(s) from the following listing should be applied:

Vegetation having oil which will come off on your han Endpoints	d if rubbed – Does Not Meet Overall Cleanup
Oiled willow branches (see photo)	Cut - Photo 2
Oiled adventitious willow roots - the "shaggy beard"	Cut / Remove - Photo 1
Other oiled vegetation will only be cut if given site specific approval from LADEQ.	Case by case consideration
Manmade and natural debris having oil which will c Meet Overall Cleanup Endpoints	ome off on your hand if rubbed - Does Not
All oiled debris that can be placed in bags.	Remove - Photo 3
Oiled debris that is too large to be bagged.	Wipe with sorbent pads or rags
Oiled debris already placed in piles	Remove
Riprap having oil which will come off on your hand Endpoints	if rubbed - Does Not Meet Overall Cleanup
Oiled surfaces	Wipe with sorbent pads
Oil in cracks /crevices	Wipe thoroughly with sorbent pads and/or
	pom-poms No rocks should be moved
Surface oil layer - batture - Does Not Meet Overall Cla	eanup Endpoints
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Surfaces/cracks/crevices	Steam clean (hotsee) starting with areas farthest from shore (bank to water)
Pilings in Highly Sensitive Areas with visible oil/stain Cleanup Endpoints	ning - Does Not Meet Highly Sensitive Area
Outer rows	Clean visible faces
Inner rows	No action necessary
Steel / concrete	Steam clean (hotsee)
Wood / creosote	Wipe with sorbent pads

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Photo Examples



#1
When these thin shaggy willow roots are a contact risk (oil will come off on your hands) they should be cut.



When willow boughs/branches have been oiled they should be cut.



Most of the smaller material in the middle of this photo can be bagged. Items that can't be easily broken and bagged will be wiped and left in place.

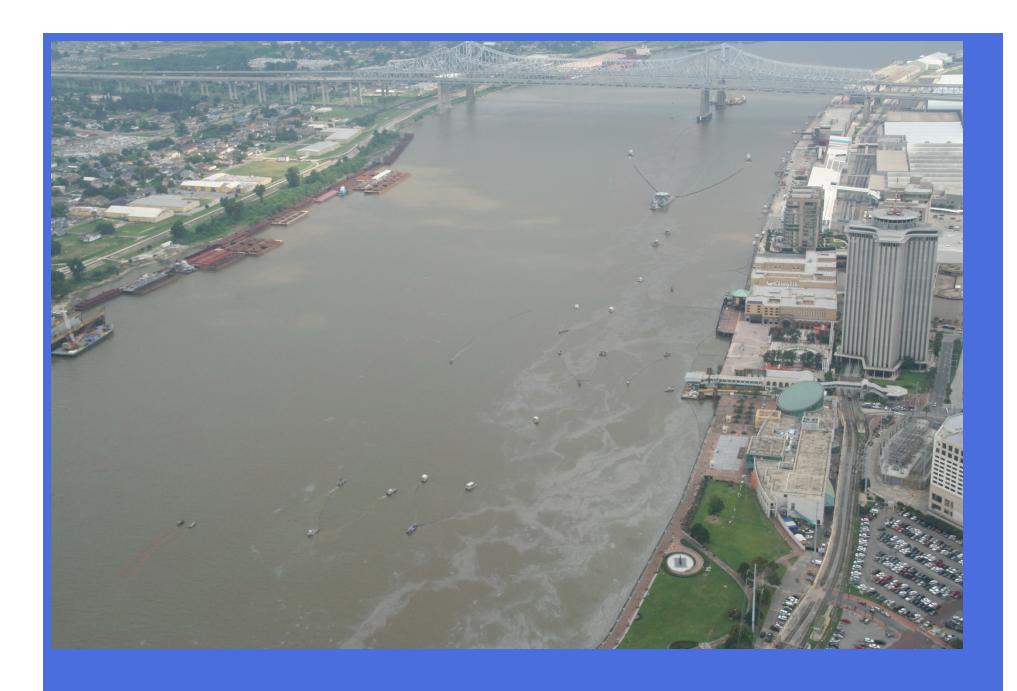


When there is a surface oil layer in the batture use the back side of a garden rake to remove it. Remove minimal underlying sediment.

Recovery/Cleanup Techniques

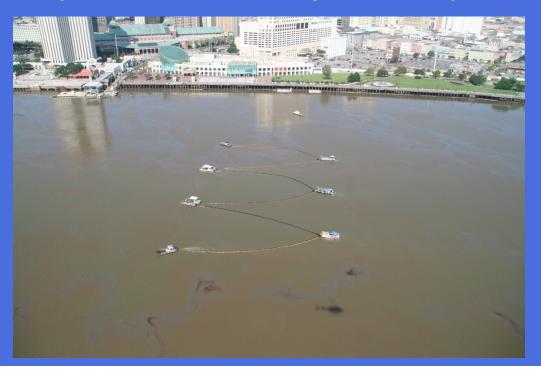
- On water skimming
- Manual recovery using "snare" / "pom-poms"
- Manual recovery with hand took
- Some vegetation cutting
- Some rock "scraping"
- Some use of sphag sorbant
- Some high pressure/hot water washing of rocks
- Low pressure flushing of rocks was tested but not effective due to <u>oil characteristics</u> and proximity to water.







Examples of various recovery and cleanup techniques







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Sign Off Process

- Organizational Sign off levels
 - Segment: UC reps, field inspection
 - Sensitive Site: UC reps + Parish rep, field inspected
 - Division & UC reps, at Command Post
- Process & Organization
 - Field Monitors, initial request
 - Pre sign off inspection if necessary
 - Schedule sign off team inspection
- Sign Off Categories
 - Stage 1 Active
 - Stage 2 "Passive"
 - Stage 3 Natural Recovery
- Progress Charts



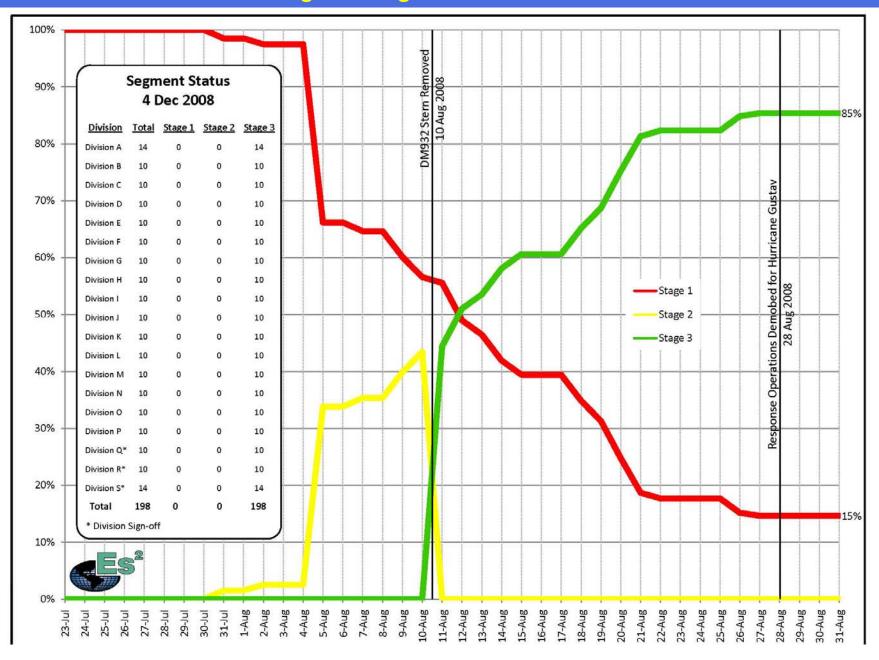
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DM 932 INCIDENT: DIVISION INSPECTION FORM

1. Site Name	THE STATE OF THE PERSON OF THE		Date (dd/mm/yy)
Division B	Segment/Zone 87-91 L & R		12/22/2008
2. Inspection Team	and a free particular out	- N. V.	Section 1997
Name (Print)	Organization		Signature
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Robert Simmons	Es² (RP Rep)	1/16	Ring
		100%	74
3. Segment/Zone Descrip	tion		
Divisional Sign-off: Segme	ents 87-91 L & R		
Divisional Sign-off: Sensit	ive Sites P10,P12-15		
4. Shoreline/Habitat Type	es Select Primary (P) and Secon	dary (S) Types Preser	nt
See individual sign-off she	ets for Shoreline/Habitat Types	14	
5. Cleanup Endpoints			3 1 22
Yes No	Floating or potentially heavy oil p	resent that is substan	ntial secondary
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6. Recommendations		7.76	
Yes No	Recommend additional active cle	anup (stage 1). Com	ments:
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	Site meets the cleanup endpoints for residual pollution.	(Stage 3). Recomme	nd natural recovery

Sign off Progress Chart



Sensitive Site List / Process

- Input from respective Parishes; not all sites oiled; part of liaison process.
- Coordinated by Sr. LDEQ representative.
- Discrete areas within segments
- Separate sensitive site list; merged into SCAT database.
- Included things like water intakes, freshwater diversions/siphons, locks, ferry landings, high public use areas, cultural/archaeological......
- Would require local Parish representative for sign off.

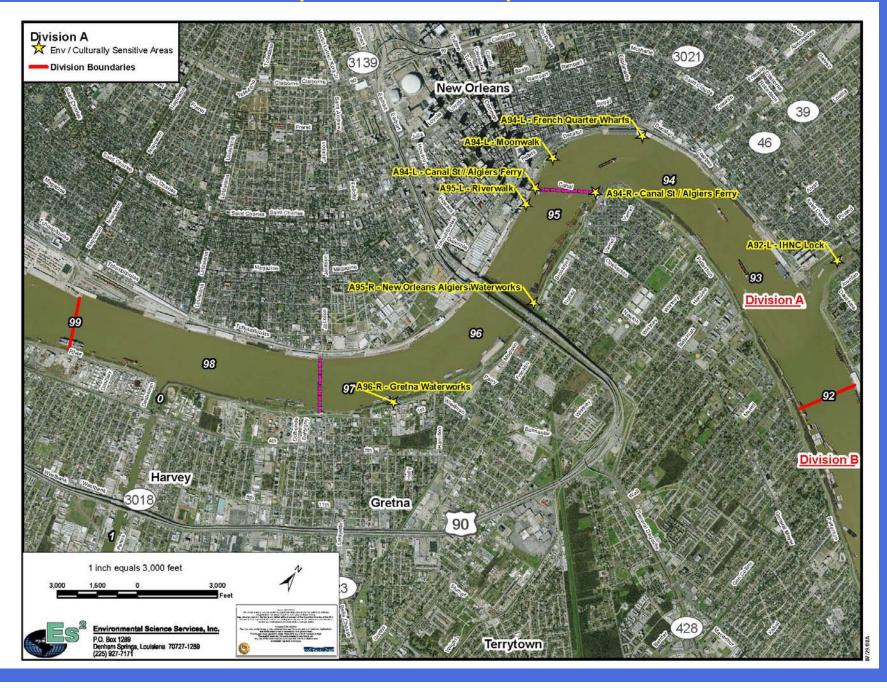


Example of Sensitive Site List

High Sensitivity Sites

Name	Lat	Long	Mile	Seg.	Zone	Parish	Bank
Gretna Waterworks	29.9234	-90.0609	96.7	A96-R	P-01	Jeff	RDB
New Orleans Algiers Waterworks	29.9402	-89.0543	96.5	A95-R	P-02	Orl	RDB
Riverwalk *	29.9480	-90.0619	95.1	A95-L	P-03	Orl	LDB
Canal St / Algiers Ferry *	29.9499	-90.0622	94.9	A94-L	P-04	Orl	LDB
Canal St / Algiers Ferry *	29.9532	-90.0561	94.7	A94-R	P-05	Orl	RDB
Moonwalk *	29.9535	-90.0626	94.6	A94-L	P-06	Orl	LDB
Governor Nicolls Wharf *	29.9595	-90.0577	94.3	A94-L	P-41	Orl	LDB
French Quarter Wharfs	29.9607	-90.0555	94.2	A94-L	P-07	Orl	LDB
IHNC Lock	29.9621	-90.0281	92.7	A92-L	P-08	Orl	LDB
Chalmette Battlefield	29.9393	-89.9943	90.3	B90-L	P-10	St. Ber	LDB
Lower Algiers / Chalmette Ferry *	29.9277	-89.9711	88.7	B88-L	P-13	St. Ber	LDB
Lower Algiers / Chalmette Ferry *	29.9220	-89.9734	88.7	B88-R	P-12	Orl	RDB
GIWW Lock, Algiers Lock *	29.9168	-89.9693	88.2	B88-R	P-14	Orl	RDB
St. Bernard Parish Waterworks	29.9257	-89.9568	87.7	B87-L	P-15	St. Ber	LDB
Violet Canal Siphon	29.8983	-89.9030	83.9	C83-L	P-16	St. Ber	LDB
Caernarvon Diversion	29.8627	-89.9119	81.4	D81-L	P-18	Plaq	LDB
Dalcour Waterworks	29.8623	-89.9227	80.9	D80-L	P-19	Plaq	LDB
Belle Chasse Ferry *	29.8554	-89.9809	76.0	E75-R	P-20	Plaq	RDB
Belle Chasse Ferry *	29.8481	-89.9779	75.6	E75-L	P-22	Plaq	LDB
Belle Chasse Water District *	29.8523	-89.9833	75.6	E75-R	P-21	Plaq	RDB
White's Ditch Siphon	29.7117	-89.9787	64.3	G64-L	P-37	Plaq	LDB
Naomi Siphon *	29.7011	-89.9839	63.8	G63-R	P-38	Plaq	RDB
Poverty Point *	29.6520	-89.9529	59.8	H59-L	P-25	Plaq	LDB
High Interest Riprap *	29.5984	-89.8457	52.2	152-R	P-26	Plaq	RDB
Woodland Plantation *	29.5866	-89.8262	50.7	J50-R	P-27	Plaq	RDB
Point a la Hache Water District *	29.5808	-89.8016	49.3	J49-L	P-28	Plaq	LDB
Port Sulphur/a La Hache Water Dist. *	29.5730	-89.8026	49.0	J49-R	P-29	Plaq	RDB
West Point a la Hache Siphon	29.5723	-89.8011	48.9	J48-R	P-39	Plaq	RDB
Point a la Hache Ferry *	29.5755	-89.7939	48.7	J48-L	P-30	Plaq	LDB
Point a la Hache Ferry *	29.5701	-89.7972	48.6	J48-R	P-31	Plaq	RDB
Bohemia Spillway (no car access)	29.4865	-89.6883	39.7	L39-L	P-32	Plaq	LDB
Bayou Lamoque * (no car access)	29.4371	-89.5960	33.0	M32-L	P-40	Plaq	LDB
Riverside Marina	29.3599	-89.5343	25.0	O25-R	P-33	Plaq	RDB
Fort Saint Philip + (no car access)	29.3621	-89.4644	20.1	P20-L	P-35	Plaq	LDB
Fort Jackson +	29.3578	-89.4564	20.1	P19-R	P-34	Plaq	RDB
Boothville-Venice Waterworks +	29.3558	-89.4376	18.6	P18-R	P-36	Plaq	RDB

Example Sensitive Site Map



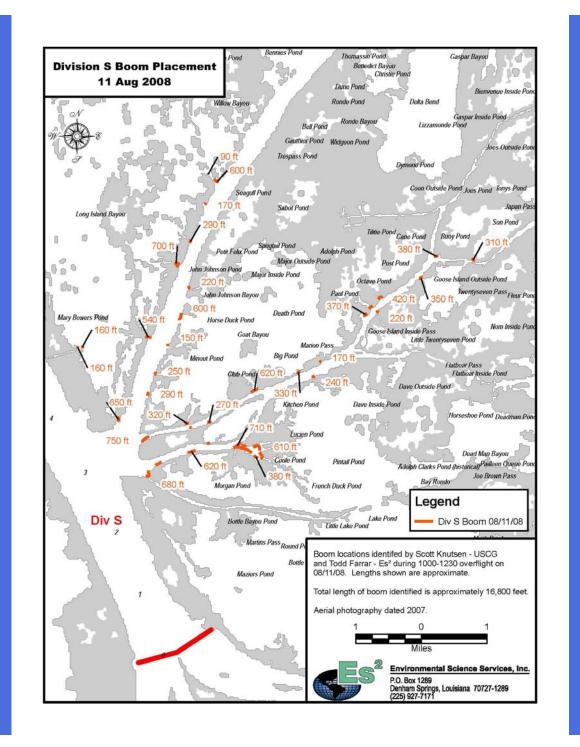
Wildlife Impact and Response

(see 2009 FSS Presentation by Buddy Goatcher & Anthony Jewsco-USFWS during oiled wildlife session)

- Recon & Captures handled by USEWS personnel.
- CGA Wildlife cleanup trailer deployed and set up at facility in Venice.
- Hazing techniques deployed.
- ~15,000' of boom deployed at Delta Refuge as a precaution.







Wildlife Impacts Report prepared by USFWS as of 8/20/08

Species	captured (live)	recovered (dead)	cleaned	died in rehab.	released
great egret	4		4		4
snowy egret	4		2		4
cattle egret	1		1		1
little blue heron	1		1		1
b-c night heron	1		1	1	
white ibis	4		2		4
wood duck	6	6	6	2	3
mottled duck	3	2	3		2
b-b whistling duck	2				2
barn owl	1		1		
laughing gull	2	2	2		
mourning dove	1	2	1		1
rock dove	3		3	2	1
unknown songbird	1		1	1	
American alligator	4		4		4
water snake	2		2		2
red-eared slider turtle	1		1		1
three-toed box turtle	1		1		1
Raccoon	1		1		1
TOTAL	43	12	37	6	32

Hurricane Demobilization

- Rapid demobilization for Hurricane Custav due to requirements by Plaquemines Parish.
- Unified Command ordered shut down on Aug 27, 2008.
- No remaining free floating oil; but shoreline cleanup not complete.
- Entire operation shut down and secured by Aug 29 in roughly a 2 day period.



Regroup After Hurricana

- Regrouped with much smaller "footprint" and in "Project" mode after storm during first week of September 2008.
- Developed and worked under a Project Management Plan rather than an IAP.
- Reassessment of all remaining un-signed off segments began first week of Sept 2008; Walked "every foot".
- Oil character different after storms (Gustav & Ike).
 Required cleanup method changed.
- Cleanup operations completed per forecast by end of October 2008.

