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Government Response to the BP Oil Spill

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More Information for Alabama

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While the EPA would like to answer all of your concerns and strives to help in every way we can, some areas of the Gulf response are not controlled by the EPA. To ensure all your questions are answered, we've included some frequent questions below, as well as the appropriate contact information.

What steps are being taken to ensure the workers in the Gulf are safe?

Please contact the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration at www.osha.gov/oilspills, or 1-800-321-OSHA (6742). You can also call your local OSHA office: Mobile, AL – 1-251-441-6131

What will happen to the response efforts if there's a hurricane? How should I protect myself?

Please contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at www.fema.gov or 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

I'm out of work because of the oil spill. How can I get help?

President Obama arranged with BP on June 15 to compensate workers and business owners who have been harmed as a result of the spill. The next day, BP began a \$20 billion claims fund that is being controlled by an independent party to ensure claims are paid out quickly and fairly. This process is free of charge. You can file claims online at www.bp.com or over the phone at toll-free 1-800-440-0858.

How can I help the response efforts?

- General volunteer opportunities: 1-866-448-5816
- Report injured or oiled animals: 1-866-557-1401
- Report oiled shorelines: 1-866- 448-5816
- Register boats to assist with response or submit technology: 1-866-279-7983

Local resources

To receive updates or sign up to be a volunteer, visit www.servealabama.gov or call 2-1-1 (or 1-888-421-1266 out of state). Or visit your local volunteer center:

Bay Minette Career Center
201 Faulkner Drive
Bay Minette, AL 36507

Mobile Career Center
515 Springhill Plaza Court
Mobile, AL 36608

Foley Career Center
200 West Michigan Avenue
Foley, AL 36535

If your question was not answered above, please contact the Deepwater Horizon Incident Joint Information Center at www.restorethegulf.gov or 1-985-902-5231.

