



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

**14-10**

**July 6, 2010**

### **Gulf of Mexico Port Arthur Captain of the Port Zone Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Update III**

**A small number of tar balls that tested POSITIVE for originating from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill were discovered on Bolivar, Crystal, and Galveston beaches over the weekend.**

**On Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, pollution investigator teams from Port Arthur discovered 2 bands of oil impacted beach in McFadden NWR- one about 500 ft wide with 10% coverage, and a second about 250 ft wide with 5% coverage (see attached photographs). The tar balls and patties ranged from very small to 5 ft x 5 ft mats. Clean up crews were on scene that same day to clean up the oil and will return again today to finish up. Samples from McFadden Beach were taken and sent off to the lab for expedited processing to determine their origin. Although it is not confirmed if the McFadden oil is from the Deepwater Horizon spill, the sample's appearance is different than the 2 dozen or so non-positive samples that the Coast Guard had previously collected on Sea Rim and McFadden Beaches.**

**Coast Guard in Texas & Texas General Land Office are working with the National Deepwater Horizon Incident Command to determine resourcing requirements should an Incident Command Post in Texas be established. The Coast Guard and TGLO envision a small command post initially that will be tasked with monitoring reports of tar balls & beach impacts, tracking & directing contractors responding, generating reports, and tracking the finances involved. Should a Texas or Port Arthur Incident Command Post be established, contact information will follow by a subsequent MSIB. In the meantime, reports of oil spills should be reported in the customary manner.**

**It is the intent of the Captain of the Port to facilitate the movement of marine traffic to the maximum extent possible throughout this event as outlined in MSIB 11-10 dated May 5, 2010. There are currently no restrictions on vessels entering or departing the Calcasieu River or Sabine-Neches Waterway. In addition, no inspection or decontamination requirements have been implemented for the Calcasieu River or Sabine-Neches Waterway. However, vessels that are emanating a visible sheen or are oil-stained should self-report to the arriving port using the contact list below.**

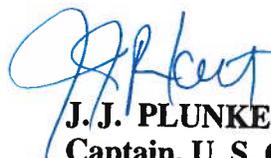
Vessels taking ballast in the vicinity of the area impacted by the Deepwater Horizon spill are cautioned, as there are unsubstantiated reports of vessels possibly contaminating their clean ballast tanks.

Additional general reference and contact information is listed below:

1. [www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com)
2. MSU Port Arthur (COTP) – 409-723-6500
3. VTS Port Arthur – 409-719-5070 (or channels 01A / 65A VHF-FM)
4. MSU Lake Charles – (337) 912-0073
5. Coast Guard Waterways Management – (504) 565-5103 or (504) 565-5108 or e-mail [D08-PF-SECNEWORLEANS-WATERWAYS@uscg.mil](mailto:D08-PF-SECNEWORLEANS-WATERWAYS@uscg.mil).
6. D8 Media Affairs. Includes PPT slideshow of affected areas and projections. <http://www.d8externalaffairs.com/go/site/2931/>
7. BP Claims – 1-800-440-0858
8. Report oiled shoreline – (866) 448-5816
9. Report oiled wildlife – (866) 557-1401
10. Submit your vessel as a vessel of opportunity for skimming system – (281) 366-5511
11. Fishery closure information:

Federal fishery closures: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>  
Texas fishery closures: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>  
Louisiana fishery closures: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/>  
Mississippi fishery closures: <http://home.mdwfp.com/>  
Alabama fishery closures: <http://www.outdooralabama.com>  
Florida fishery closures: <http://myfwc.com>

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