

Oil Spill - Bay County Board of County Commission and Emergency Management staff actions:

- Bay County Emergency Services personnel continue to participate in daily conference calls with State and Federal Emergency Management personnel for the implementation of the [U.S. Coast Guard Mobile Sector Contingency Plan](#) (federal plan).
- Port Panama City has been designated as a major staging area for the Mobile Sector, which includes Bay County. Bay County's port will become a major component of the response and recovery operations because of the strategically located access to rail and transportation resources.
- Bay County Emergency Services Emergency Operations Center is currently activated at Level 3 and anticipates moving to Level 2 activation later this week depending on progression of oil product and progress made in mitigating release at the source.
- Bay County Geographical Information Systems staff have reviewed and identified any gaps in the federal plan for protecting shorelines via deflective booming – or the positioning of large floating barriers that help contain floating oil. Bay County GIS identified multiple additional areas that would require boom and Emergency Services is working to acquire:
 - Extra boom for protection of those areas
 - 12 skimmers for St. Andrew Bay and the Pass
 - Tankers/skimmer operators and all necessary equipment to offload contaminated oil/water mixture at Port Panama City
- Bay County has acquired a BP and Department of Environmental Protection liaison for planning response and recovery efforts.
- Bay County staff has outlined staging areas for potential beach cleanup efforts if impacted and Bay County has initiated discussions with local contractors concerning the potential need for additional disaster response.
- Bay County Tourist Development Council coastal engineering consultants have completed assessments and documentation of pre-oil spill conditions along the Panama City Beach shoreline.

- Public Works staff has conducted a pre-assessment of roadways and parking areas near water access points, in the event of damages during long term recovery.
- Bay County Solid Waste is coordinating with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and will be prepared to accept oil contaminated sand and materials from commercial haulers.
- Bay County Health Department personnel continue to monitor Bay County beaches water quality for any changes.
- County staff continues to coordinate with the Bay County Health Department on health and safety information.