

Making Governance Work in the  
Face of an Emergency:

# How are Oil Spills Different ?



Terrebonne Parish President

**Michel H. Claudet**

# Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill



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From about 10 miles away – dawn of day 1

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Support vessels using their firefighting gear to cool the rig – note the list developing

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Early morning day 2 – note the hole burned through the aluminum helideck



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# Response in Terrebonne Parish

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- Terrebonne Parish has issued a “State of Emergency” for procedural purposes
- Terrebonne was one of the first parishes to submit boom strategy to the state
- BP and Coast Guard liaisons assigned to TPCG
- E S & H is monitoring and maintaining boom sites in Terrebonne Parish
- Ensured that Drinking water was safe



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- TPCG received \$1 million from BP for the administrative costs of the response
- Over 1,000 commercial fisherman have signed up & have been trained via the “Vessel of Opportunity” program
- Daily Conference calls with the White House & GOHSEP
- Weekly Conference calls with LA DSS and affected Parish Presidents

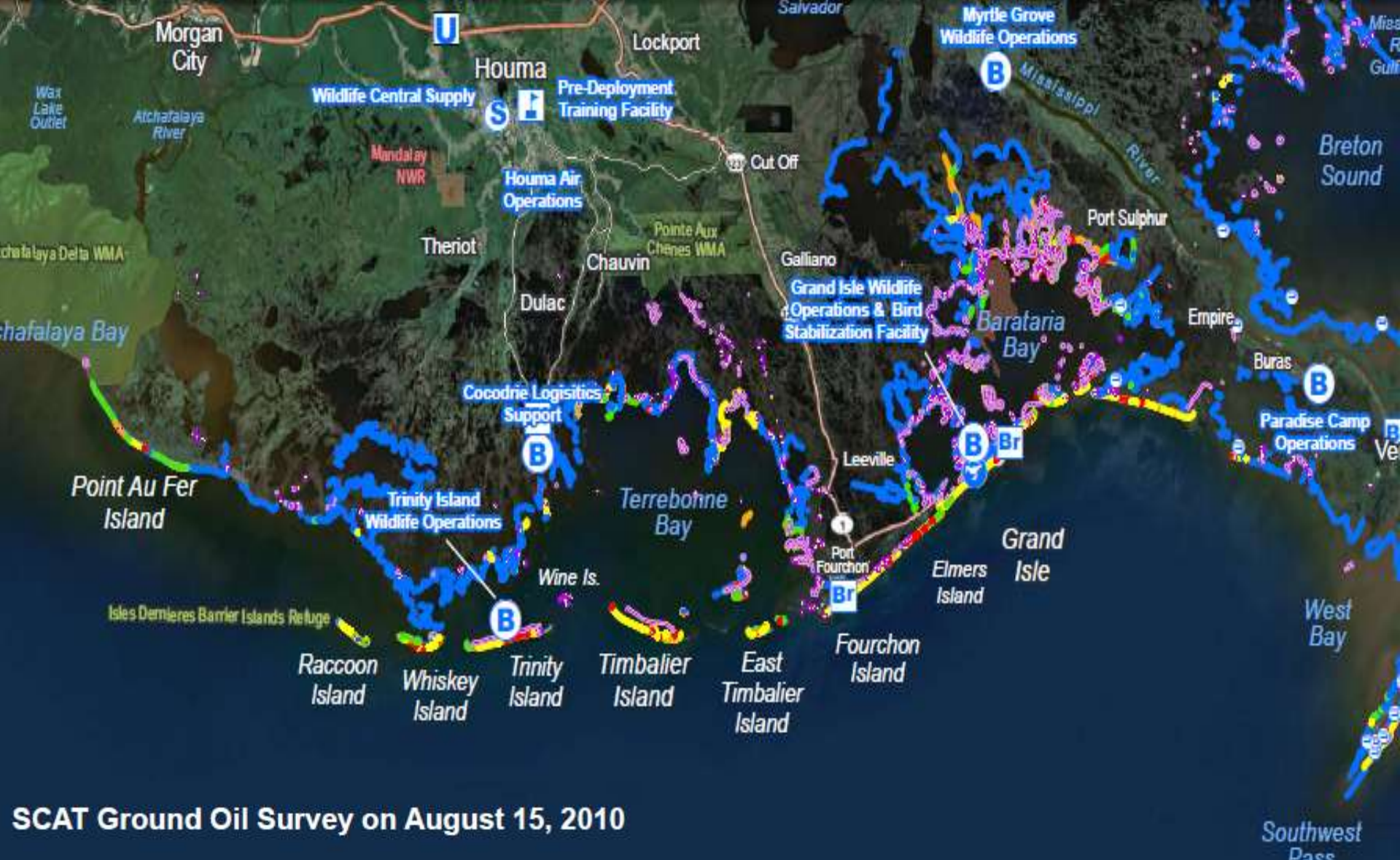


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## Office of Emergency Preparedness Agencies

- TPCG OEP Personnel
- Coast Guard
- United Way
- Housing and Human Services
- E S & H
- BP
- Public Works and Engineering
- Finance
- National Guard
- TPSO Water Patrol
- Coastal Restoration
- TEDA
- Communications
- CPRA - Jerome Zeringue





### SCAT Ground Oil Survey on August 15, 2010

- Heavy
- Moderate
- Light
- Very Light
- Tar Balls
- No Oil Observed
- Imagery Derived Booms - August 14, 2010
- Imagery Derived Oil Extent - August 12, 2010

# Oil Spill Differences

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- Not a Stafford Act event (BP is the Responsible Party (RP)).
- Response from Coast Guard, BP, and Third Party Contractors as opposed to Government First Responders.
- Local Government is more accessible, yet not coordinating the response.



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## Secondary Issues

- Prolonged crisis (over 100 days)
- Public is not familiar with oil spills/emotional response
- Economic Challenges
  - Fisheries
    - Claims
    - VoO Program
  - Moratorium
- Mental Health issues due to ongoing stress and uncertainty.



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## Secondary Issues

- Two Claim Centers in Terrebonne
- SBA/Small Business Development Center
- Mortgage and Utility Assistance
- Temp. Food Stamp Office
- Crisis Counseling



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## Long Term Recovery

- What is clean?
- OPA 1990
- NRDA Process
- Secretary Mabus' recovery plan.
- No FEMA PWs



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