

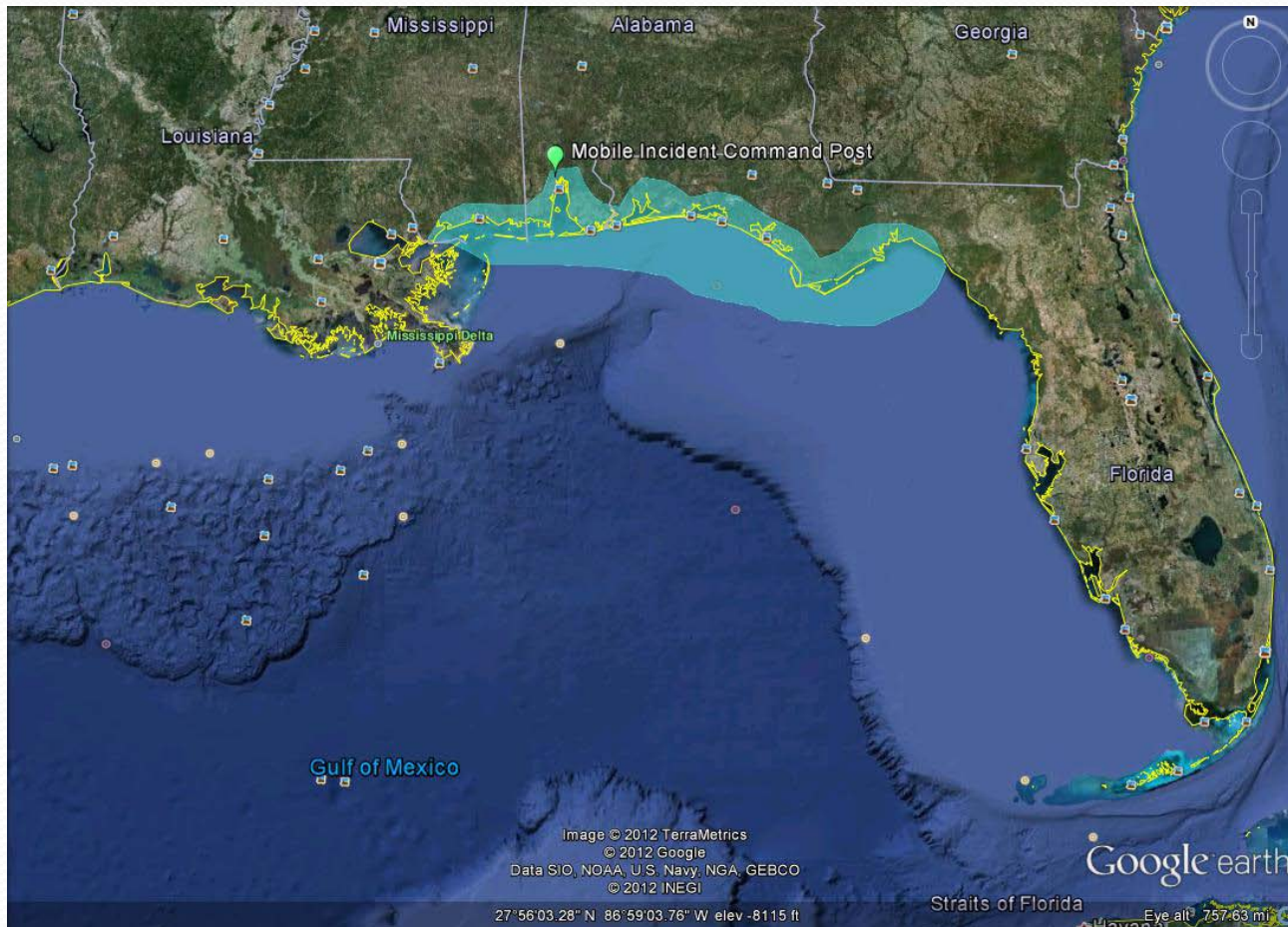
Deepwater Horizon

An Incident Commander's Perspective



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Area of responsibility for ICP

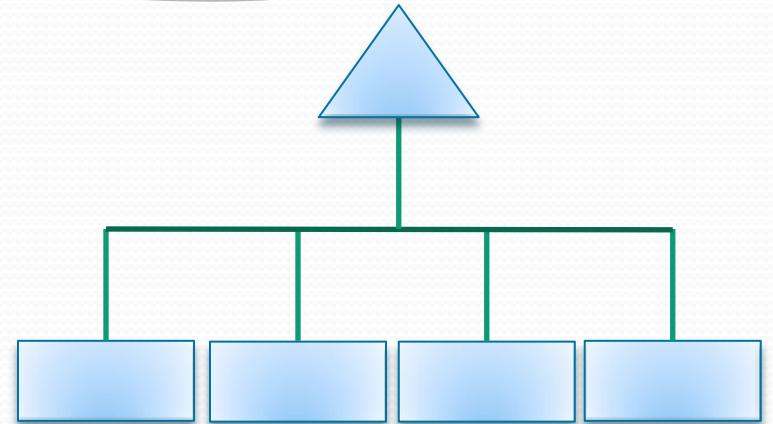


Coast of Mississippi and Alabama to Apalachicola, Florida
and 60 miles off shore

Successes

- ICS Works

- Objectives
- Command and General staff
- Tactics
- Planning



Successes

- Operational period 24 or 48 hours
- Offshore oil recovery
 - MSRC 205' Responder class vessels
 - USCGC 225' buoy tenders with Spilled Oil Recovery System
- Ocean busters
- Heavy oil recovery device (HORD)

New technologies for shore



Road grader

Cherrington – oil and sand sifter





BeachTech2000



Successes

- Applied response technologies
 - In-situ burning
 - Dispersants



Successes

- Boom deployment
 - Mobile used trained OSRO personnel



Successes

- BP's Emergency Response team
- Qualified community responders
- Affiliated volunteers
- California support

Challenges

- Role of the National Incident Commander
 - 2004 SONS Drill
 - 2010 SONS Drill
 - Deepwater Horizon
 - Daily Phone call

Challenges

- Oil Spill Preparedness- Area Committees
 - Change of priorities following 9/11
- Mutual Aid
 - Releasing equipment
- Emergency Mutual Aid Compact
 - Not utilized
 - Worked well in Yellowstone River Response

Challenges



1,100 people in
Incident
Command Post

Challenges

- US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Air operations- near misses
 - Equipment and personnel not in IAP (not in Ops)
 - Separate IAP
 - Issues resolved by National Pollution Fund Center

Challenges

- Media Relations
 - Press conference ban
 - Field personnel stopped engaging
 - “Keep the Blue in View”

Challenges

- Liaison
 - Information flow
- Daily reports

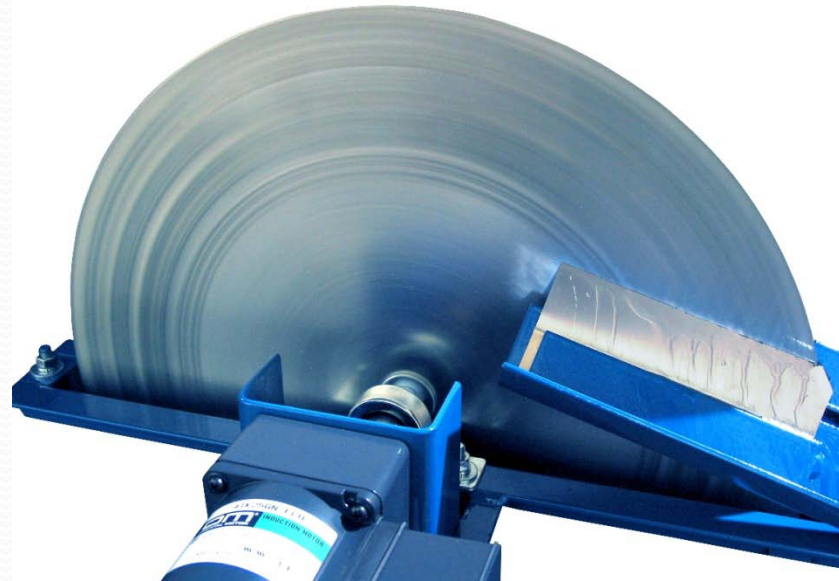
Challenges

- Performance measures
 - Percent environmentally sensitive sites protected
 - Feet of boom
 - Number of skimmers

Challenges



Marco Skimmer



Stingray Skimmer

Overall

Mobile Alabama ICP

- Increased size of response from 1,000 to 26,800 personnel
- Unity of effort
 - Worked together cooperatively to protect the environment
 - “Help me, help you”
- ICS Works