Offshore Surface Oil Forecast Deepwater Horizon MC252

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Estimate for: 1200 CDT, Saturday, 6/19/10 Date Prepared: 1900 CDT, Thursday, 6/17/10

Currents were obtained from four models: NOAA Gulf of Mexico, NavO/NCOM, NRL/IASNFS, and NC St./SABGOM. Each includes Loop Current dynamics. Gulf wide winds were obtained from the gridded NCEP product. The model was initialized from June 11 to June 14 satellite imagery analysis, a June 16 CG/NOAA overflight, and June 15/16 ship obs. The leading edge may contain tarballs that are not readily observable from the imagery (hence not included in the model initialization).

