

Nearshore Surface Oil Forecast Deepwater Horizon MC252

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Nearshore



Estimate for: 1200 CDT, Friday, 7/16/10

Date Prepared: 2100 CDT, Thursday, 7/15/10

This forecast is based on the NWS spot forecast from Thursday, July 15 PM. Currents were obtained from several models (NOAA Gulf of Mexico, West Florida Shelf/USF, TGLO/TAMU, NAVO/NRL) and HFR measurements. The model was initialized from Wednesday-Thursday satellite imagery analysis (NOAA/NESDIS) and Thursday overflight observations. The leading edge may contain tarballs that are not readily observable from the imagery (hence not included in the model initialization). Oil near bay inlets could be brought into that bay by local tidal currents.

