

Englewood Florida's Beaches Are Open and Inviting

Englewood, FL – Locally, the Englewood-Cape Haze Area beaches including Englewood Beach, which serves all of Charlotte County, Manasota Key, Blind Pass Beach in Sarasota County and Stump Pass remain totally unaffected by the oil spill over 200 miles away off the Louisiana coast and Florida Panhandle.

The latest predictions from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), indicate no impact is expected for the Englewood area, within the next 72 hours.

Here are links to the government's website; the current beach conditions throughout the Gulf of Mexico and Southwest Florida updated twice a day from the Mote Marine Laboratories site and travel advisories from Visit Florida.

Latest Federal Government Information:

<http://www.restorethegulf.gov/>

Latest Florida Government Information:

<http://map.floridadisaster.org/gator/>

Mote Marine Laboratories Beach Reports:

<http://coolgate.mote.org/beachconditions/>

Visit Florida

http://www.visitflorida.com/florida_travel_advisory/

Vessels of Opportunity Program:

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/542683>

USCG Sector St. Pete Area Contingency Plan:

<http://ocean.floridamarine.org/ACP/STPACP/StartHere.html>

If you want to volunteer to help, contact Volunteer FL:

<http://www.volunteerfloridadisaster.org/>

Businesses

Our Chamber members are urged to submit a claim for any lost business by going on-line and filing a claim. BP's Vice President for Strategy Ray Dempsey advised us that it will not preclude additional claims or limit any of your possible legal remedies.

If your business is receiving inquiries or has received cancellations from potential visitors because of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, please keep record of those cancellations for possible reimbursement. BP has a form to file a claim for damages as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The claims form can be found on BP's website

<http://www.bp.com/iframe.do?categoryId=9033722&contentId=7062138>.

Also, please alert the Charlotte Harbor VCB if your business has received any cancellations as we would like to track the economic loss to the area.

Contact Elizabeth Parker at elizabeth.parker@charlottefl.com or by fax to her attention to (941) 743-2245.
