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The Ongoing Administration-Wide Response to the Deepwater BP Oil Spill: June 3, 2010

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Ed. Note: For more information on federal response resources, volunteer opportunities, and assistance for those in affected areas visit WhiteHouse.gov/Deepwater-BP-Oil-Spill.

Below is the latest in the ongoing Administration-wide response provided by the [Joint Information Center](#).

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Obama Administration Sends BP a Preliminary Bill for \$69 Million

The Obama administration sent a preliminary bill for \$69.09 million to BP and other responsible parties for response and recovery operations relating to the BP/Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. To provide full transparency of the ongoing efforts and to ensure that the American public is not held accountable for the costs of response and recovery activities, the Administration will continue to bill BP regularly for all associated costs to ensure the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund is reimbursed on an ongoing basis.

As a responsible party, BP is financially responsible for all costs associated with the response to the spill, including efforts to stop the leak at its source, reduce the spread of oil, protect the shoreline and mitigate damages, as well as long term recovery efforts to ensure that all individuals and communities impacted by the spill are made whole.

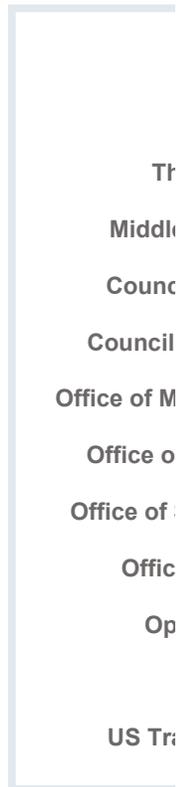
BP Completes Riser Shear Operation and Continues to Ready Containment Device

Under the federal government's direction, BP cut off a portion of the riser and is now preparing its attempt to lower a device over the area that will allow them to try and capture a substantial amount of the oil leaking out.

In order to ensure the American public receive the most accurate information, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy Carol Browner has provided an estimate, calculated by the National Incident Command's Flow Rate Technical Group, that BP's tactic involving cutting off this portion of the riser could result in a temporary increase in oil flow by as much as 20 percent until the containment device is applied over the leak. This group, including government scientists and academic experts, will continue to evaluate a potential temporary increase as a result of this tactic and will provide any additional assessments as they become available.

Admiral Allen Provides Operational Update for Unified Area Command

National Incident Commander Admiral Thad Allen provided a briefing to inform the American public and answer



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