

Press Release from Starkey Properties

Texas is NOT Threatened by the Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico

We are currently experiencing a high volume of calls with guests concerned about the oil spill at the Deep Water Horizon well. Let me reassure you that at this point the oil spill is located approximately 500 miles from the Port Aransas Coast line and posing no threat to the Texas Coast. NOAA the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration post projection forecasts daily to show the location and movement of the oil spill. None of their projections include the Texas Coast. Prevailing wind and water currents show the oil moving into the Louisiana and Mississippi Sound. (Figure 1)

However Texas officials are keeping an eye on it and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said the state's in little danger of dramatic threats from the oil spill off the coast of Louisiana.

"We think that if some of this oil does come to Texas beaches, it will be very hard tar balls, not the sticky, hazardous kind. The kind you can pick up," Patterson said in a statement to Channel 8 news in Austin.

There will be major environmental impacts from this oil along the Northern Gulf Coast but rest assured without a major weather event to change prevailing water currents and weather patterns to force that oil west, the oil spill should not affect your travel plans to Port Aransas and we encourage you to book your vacation with confidence.

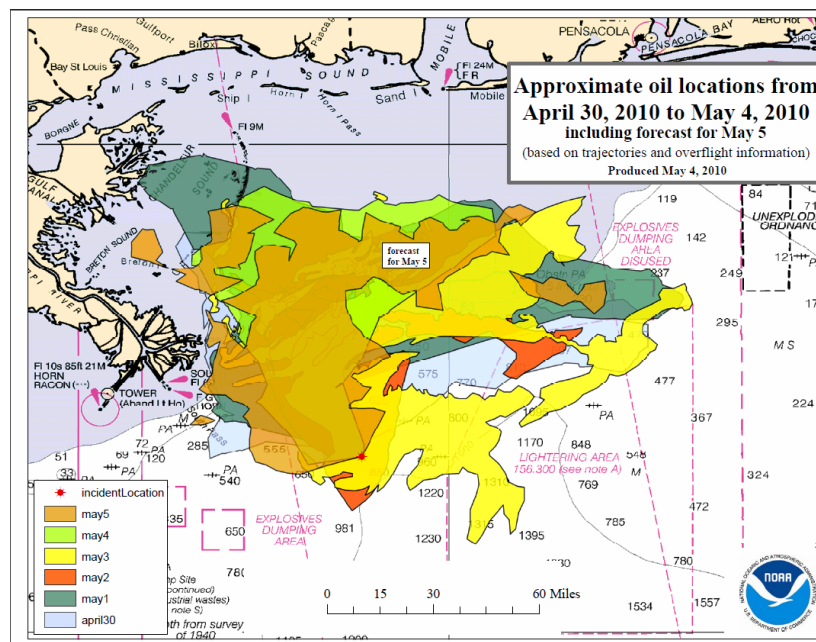


Figure 1. Courtesy of NOAA Current trajectory Map updated daily. 5/4/2010:
http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/book_shelf/1901_TM-2010-05-04.pdf