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USNORTHCOM responds to Deepwater Horizon oil spill

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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – United States Northern Command, in support of a whole-of-government response to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, is working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and other federal partners in responding to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The following is a list of DoD assets and personnel in support of this effort:

CURRENT OPERATIONS:

- U. S. Army North, as the Joint Force Land Component Command is providing personnel from Contingency Command Post 1 to support the Unified Area Command at Robert, La.
- U.S. Army North, as the JFLCC is providing the Region VI Defense Coordinating Officer and Defense Coordinating Element to support the Unified Area Command at Robert, La. and subordinate sites.
- U.S. Army North, as the JFLCC is providing the Region IV Defense Coordinating Officer and Defense Coordinating Element to support the federal on-scene commander at Mobile, Ala.
- In direct support of USCG under an existing pollution clean-up and salvage operations agreement, the U.S. Navy is providing a variety of oil pollution control equipment. The Navy has sent 66,000 feet (46,000 delivered, 20,000 en route) of inflatable oil boom with mooring equipment, 16 rapid deployment skimmer systems (11 delivered, five en route), related support gear, and approximately 35 contractors to support oil spill response efforts. Naval Sea Systems Command is providing and coordinating this effort. These items are being delivered to Mississippi State Dock in Gulfport, Miss., and the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport where they are being deployed as necessary by the federal on scene coordinator in support DHS/ USCG oil spill response efforts.
- At the request of the Coast Guard, the U.S. Navy is providing Naval Air Station Pensacola as a staging facility for BP-contractor provided equipment (i.e. containment booms, recovery barges, tractor trailer trucks, various pumps and other related oil response equipment).
- Air Forces Northern, as the Joint Forces Air Component Command, is providing two Modular Aerial Spray System-equipped C-130s from Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, to provide dispersant coverage over the affected area. The C-130s are flying out of Stennis International Airport, Miss.
- Designated Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., as a base support installation. The installation will serve as a location where military units conduct logistical operations.
- Air Forces Northern, as the Joint Forces Air Component Command, is providing the Air Component Coordination Element to support the federal on-scene commander at Roberts, La. This individual is the Air Force subject matter expert who coordinates the movement of Air Force assets into regions during natural disasters or other contingencies. The ACCE also supports state and federal evacuation, humanitarian relief and search and rescue missions. When needed, the ACCE can also reach back to the 601st Air and Space Operations Center at Tyndall AFB, Fla., to request additional Air Force support.
- Air Forces Northern, as the Joint Forces Air Component Command, is providing the Air Space

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- Air Forces Northern, as the JFACC, is providing Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers to support the federal on-scene commander at Roberts, La. EPLOs have moved into place in Louisiana and Alabama to coordinate military assets to support civil authorities. EPLOs are geographically assigned to each state and the 10 FEMA Regional Coordination Centers. The officers come from a wide range of career fields including air operations, logistics, medical, security forces, and public affairs.

Air Forces Northern is the air component to U.S. Northern Command and is located at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. AFNORTH assists USNORTHCOM in fulfilling the air component of Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities missions.

U.S. Army North is the land component to U.S. Northern Command and is located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. ARNORTH assists USNORTHCOM in fulfilling the land component of Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities missions.

U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) is the Navy component of U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), the combatant command established Oct. 1, 2002 to provide command and control of Department of Defense (DOD) homeland defense efforts and to coordinate defense support of civil authorities.

USNORTHCOM, located in Colorado Springs, Colo., is the joint combatant command formed in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to provide homeland defense and defense support of civil authorities. Supporting FEMA, state and local response in the wake of Hurricane Ike, USNORTHCOM is continuing to assist with recovery efforts and is prepared to respond to other potential missions.

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