Oil-spill and Observations Update

NOAA, EPA and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) released the first peer reviewed, analytical summary report about the subsea monitoring in the vicinity of the Deepwater Horizon wellhead. The report contains analysis of samples taken by the R/V Brooks McCall, a research vessel conducting water sampling from half a mile to nine miles of the wellhead. The report comes from the Joint Analysis Group (JAG), which was established to provide a coordinated analysis of information related to subsea monitoring in the Gulf of Mexico.

The <u>JAG report</u> contains data analysis of dissolved oxygen levels and presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons from water samples and oil droplet-size tests.

Ocean Leadership recently hosted - with LSU and federal partners - the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Science Symposium in Baton Rouge, LA. The event brought together 200 participants to discuss and <u>identify the pressing science priorities</u> and questions associated with the spill.

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