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FYI. Still running around with our hair on fire every now and then!! Whew!!

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This is great and I know we (you guys) did address this already, I do remember. I just don't have the information personally. Leia has the info now and will give it to the captain tonight to be incorporated into his reply.

Thanks again for the timely response. Will keep you in the loop of info if there is one.

Be well

Toni

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**From:** Jacqui Michel <jmichel@researchplanning.com>  
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Here is my response. Others feel free to add or comment.

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The protocol for shoreline inspections by the Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) Process under the SCCP included:

1. Re-survey of every shoreline that had ever been oiled. The only areas where this was not completed were a very few areas on the Chandeleur Islands, where the land manager, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, who manages the National Wildlife Refuge in this area, specifically requested that no further surveys were required. They preferred to minimize any additional disturbance to these areas because their staff had been doing enough assessments to determine that no further surveys were required.
2. Post-Hurricane Season (PHS) inspections were an integral part of the SCCP process. The objective was to have SCAT teams inspect those shoreline segments that had been previously determined as operationally inactive (that is, with a SCAT survey result of either “no oil observed” or “met No Further Treatment guidelines”) but that could have become re-oiled or the oiling conditions changed since the last survey due to storms during the 2011 hurricane season. The Louisiana State OnScene Coordinator (SOSC) submitted a list of segments to the FOSC/Representative. These segments were reviewed in a joint meeting between the SOSC, FOSC/R, and SCAT to review the rationale for re-inspection. They reviewed the past oiling history of each segment and adjacent segments, the location of segments relative to potential sources of re-oiling, and the overall distribution of segments. Any segment that had been documented as having any oil was included. Often adjacent segments were also included. The final list of segments for PHS inspections was based on this technical evaluation of the likely risks of re-oiling or changes in oiling, as well as a need to challenge the assumptions made during the selections.
3. Some segments along the outer LA coast were not surveyed because permission to access these areas was denied by the land owner. The only shoreline within this category was the M.O. Miller property in Cameron Parish.

Otherwise, the SCAT Program has made every effort to survey every shoreline that was at risk of oiling during this spill. To date, 4,385 miles of unique shoreline in Louisiana have been surveyed. The SCAT Program consists of representatives of the FOSC, SOSC, NOAA, BP, land managers, and archaeologists who are responsible for documentation of oiling conditions along the shoreline of Louisiana. They are professionals in oil spill response who take pride in the quality of their work and their reputation. The focus of this Unified Command team is to be the eyes on the ground to completely document oiling conditions and make recommendations for shoreline treatment following the guidelines agreed to by consensus.

On Aug 15, 2012, at 6:16 PM, Toni DeBosier wrote:

All,

Senator Landrieu sent a letter to the Admiral, who sent the letter to the Captain, wanting Louisiana issues addressed and or questions answered.

One issue that NOAA has been asked to address is:

The State claims there are still “unsurveyed segments” along Louisiana’s shoreline – that have never been surveyed or inspected during Response. The Senator is asking that the Response tend to this issue immediately [presumably go out and survey areas we don’t know about unless the State tells us what they think we didn’t survey or inspect yet].

Our task is to QA the SCAT records to show that we have, in fact, inspected all shoreline segments in LA that warranted being inspected were at least once during the Response. Jacqui, request from the Captain extends to asking that you provide the protocol for determining what got inspected/surveyed

and give justification for why certain areas were not brought into the Response to be inspected/surveyed.

I know that over time, if we found a piece of shoreline that SCAT didn't get to [with the exception of the M.O. Miller Property in Cameron], it was immediately scheduled for a mission. I think that our GIS guys can comb the segment map and look for any areas that may have been missed – though I know we have gone through this exercise already.

I believe I did notice a tiny piece of shoreline in western Cameron Parish that was not surveyed [blank spot on the SCAT shoreline maps]. Over time, this may have changed and we may have gone to that segment of shoreline – but we should check on it.

Captain needs this information in a letter back to DC for 9:00AM tomorrow, meaning we need to get the information to Captain's Admin Assistant tonight. Thanks and let me know if we in NOLA can assist in any way to make this request happen timely.

Be well,  
Toni

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