



Wildlife Monitoring

During this period, the existing wildlife monitoring effort was augmented with two trained and qualified turtle observers per task force. Including observer trainees, there were as many as five observers on the vessels at one time. These observers became part of the offshore burn team and monitored for any turtle activities. To the best of our knowledge, no turtles were spotted in or near the fire boom during this period or previous operational periods.

Safety

Attention to safety was always paramount. During this operational period, there were no personnel burns and no smoke exposure cases. The fire teams demonstrated that if the wind blew smoke plumes towards their vessels, they could simply reposition their boats to avoid any smoke impact. There were no air monitoring readings outside the established safe parameters. The only exceptions were occasional temporary excursions when fire boom pump engine exhaust vapors caused high readings. These pumps were positioned on the back decks of the shrimp boats.