

Executive Summary

Conclusion

The *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill response was ultimately successful, due to the unity of effort and perseverance of the more than 1000 organizations that contributed to this unprecedented response. The NCP was proven sound, and the Incident Command System's scalable organizational structure proved critical to multiple agencies working with the RP toward common goals under an effective construct. The division of responsibilities between the NIC and staff working at the National level, and the FOSC serving as Unified Area Commander at the regional level, was effective in managing national, regional and local demands of this first "Spill of National Significance."