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End of Dispersant Use

The well was capped on July 15, 2010. The last use of dispersants took place on July 19. The last sighting of recoverable oil offshore was observed August 1. The volume and duration of dispersant use during this response were unprecedented and included surface and sub-sea applications. The amount used caused public concern and led to the reduction in the frequency and amount of dispersant. However, dispersants were an effective response tool, and prevented millions of gallons of oil from impacting the sensitive shorelines of the GOM states. This response tool made it possible to continue source control efforts by the vessels operating at the well site, and were used when other response options were not suitable.

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