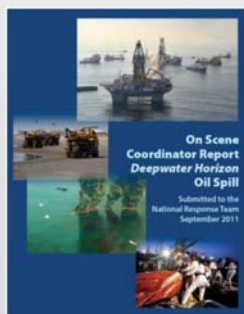


## U.S. Government Conclusions: Successful Mitigation of Potential Health Impacts



"Safety of the crews was a major issue addressed by BP's management team. . . .  
**Great care was taken to assure worker safety**, including re-evaluation of personal protective equipment requirements, as well as the work-to-rest ratio."  
 TRES 009124.0113

"The **collaborative work** conducted with OSHA, HHS/ASPR, HHS/SAMHSA, HHS/NIH/NIEHS, the U.S. Coast Guard, state partners, and BP from the early stages of the response was **key to efforts to protect response workers**."  
 TRES 012234.0016

". . . [T]he Deepwater Horizon response produced **an exceptional safety record**."  
 TRES-009105.0110

"The **efforts and commitment** to ensure the **safety** of those who worked on the spill, and that of the public, is one of the **single most notable accomplishments of the Deepwater Horizon response**."  
 TRES 009105.0110

"Perhaps the most serious health hazard faced by response and cleanup workers was heat. . . .  
**no workers involved in the clean-up and response developed serious heat illness**."  
 TRES 232478.0004

". . . **OSHA and BP personnel were able to prevent, rapidly identify, and correct health and safety hazards** in the numerous cleanup and response activities conducted over a wide geographic area."  
 TRES 240138.0017

"**Health and Safety was the number one strategic goal** throughout this response and was reflected in:  
 1. **Efforts made to address potential public health impacts** of the spill, and  
 2. The **remarkably low injury rate** for responders across the operation."  
 TRES 009105.0009

"**As the training requirements were identified**, a series of **courses were created by BP**, including a one-hour orientation, a four-hour shoreline course, and a four-hour marine cleanup course. OSHA, along with the Coast Guard, NIOSH, and NIEHS, reviewed BP's proposed training program."  
 TRES 012240.0014

"It is also possible that the **resources mobilized** to reduce the economic and behavioral health impacts of the oil spill on [Gulf Coast] residents, including compensation for lost income from BP and increases in available mental health services, **may have resulted in a reduction in mental health problems** relative to what would have occurred if those resources had not been mobilized."  
 TRES 240001.0059