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**Interview Summary Form**

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side. They had to elevate it to someone else in the state for signature, and the plans were stuck at the state. The state operational are phenomenal, but the levels above in the state have not been a cooperative player, and it is unclear if that is the Governor or his oil spill designee. So things are proceeding without the state's signature.

Focus Area: **Question 6:** At which point did the plans not able to address the response priorities?

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**Final Question 1:** What were the top 2 "best practice(s)" during this incident, from your perspective?

- Partnership between USCG and RP was excellent from the start. BP personnel were trained in ICS, knew what information was needed, built the organization quickly, and there was a spirit of cooperation. They couldn't have responded as well if this good coordination was not present.

**State and Parish Participation**

How does the state participate in the plans?

- The State is the largest partner in the AC, and is continuously involved with planning. The State also has its own plan (DEO and LOSCO would have more details on this). The CAPT was not familiar with the contents of the State's plan.