

Conclusions

Tech Innovation

- Oil spill response R&D is an ongoing process.
- New or innovative technologies and techniques employed during the DWH response were developed by the Unified Command and the Incident Management Team as a whole.
- Response relied primarily on existing technologies.

Response Performance

- The UC worked well but much of the credit goes to the many stakeholders.
- Adding dispersants and burning are not the same as removing oil from the environment.
- Only 5% of the oil released was mechanically recovered. This falls short of the 10-15% typically recovered in open ocean spills.