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## Signed plan defines oil removal completion process for affected shoreline, transition to restoration projects

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NEW ORLEANS - The Federal On-Scene Coordinator for the Deepwater Horizon BP oil spill, Capt. Julia Hein, announced Wednesday that the Shoreline Cleanup Completion Plan has been finalized following a meeting held Oct. 28, 2011, with state on-scene coordinators from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The Federal On-Scene Coordinator directed development of the Shoreline Cleanup Completion Plan, which involved participation from and coordination with the affected Gulf Coast states, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Interior and the responsible party, BP. The plan will help ensure that defined standards will be used to determine when cleanup actions in each affected area are complete.

"Our commitment to completing the final elements of the cleanup operations is addressed in this plan," said Hein. "In all, more than 90 percent of shoreline impacted by the spill is now ready to transition from removal to restoration and has met the agreed upon standards."

Cleanup will continue until all areas identified in the plan are designated as clean by the standards agreed to by the FOSC and SOSCs.

"We still have ongoing cleanup in sensitive wildlife nesting habitat and archeological sites," said Hein. "However, there are significant portions of our coastline that are ready to move into the next phase, so that the Gulf Coast can start restoration projects critical to help heal the region."

Additional information on the Shoreline Cleanup Completion Plan can be found at [www.restorethegulf.gov](http://www.restorethegulf.gov).

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