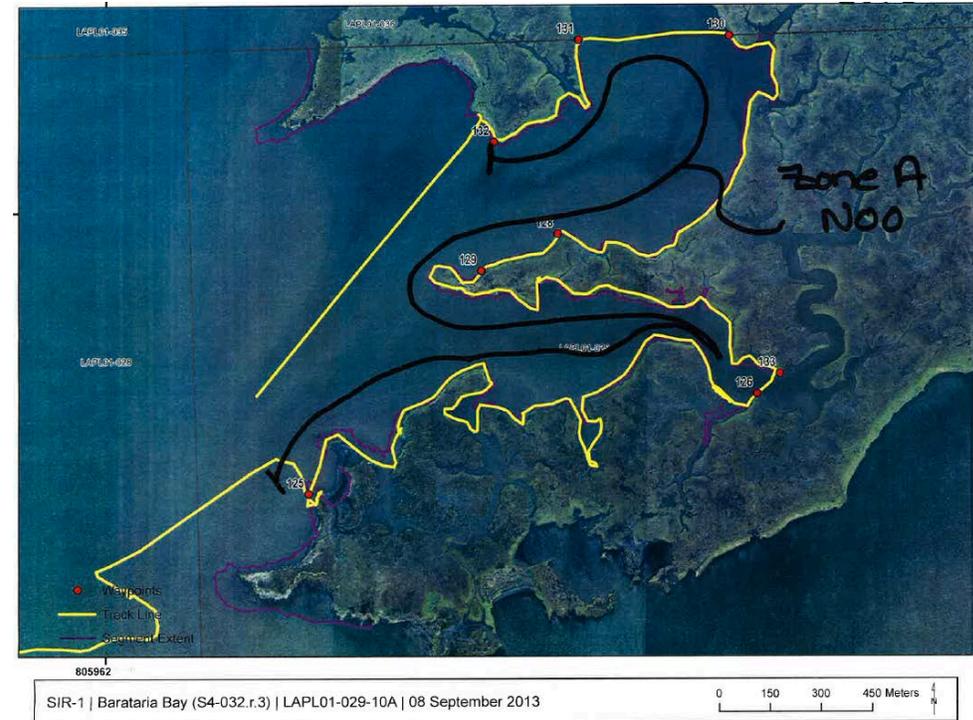


Oil Spill – Rapid Assessment



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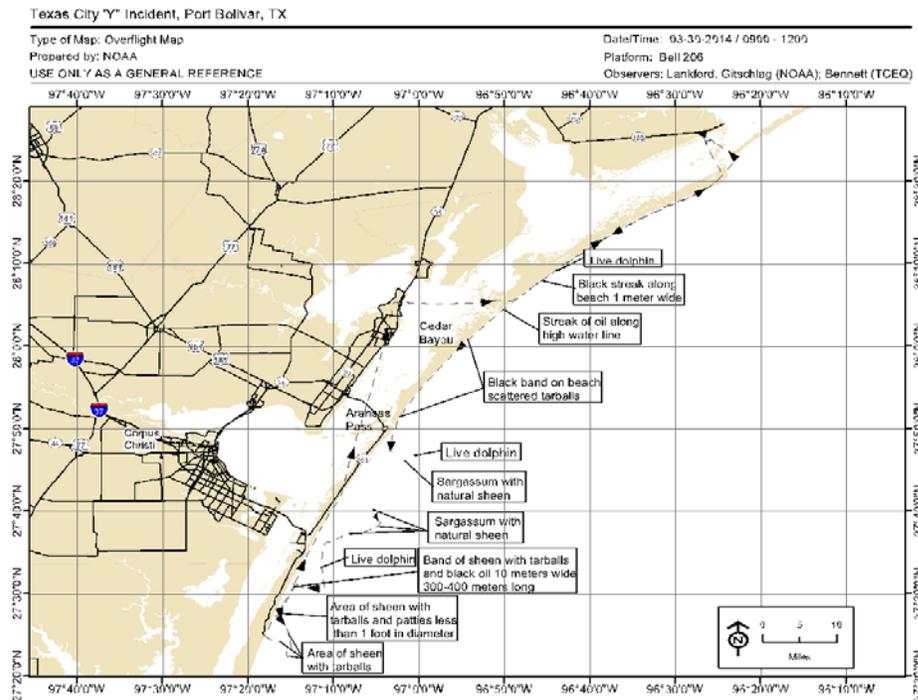
Presentation outline

- What is Rapid Assessment?
- What information to gather
- A few details

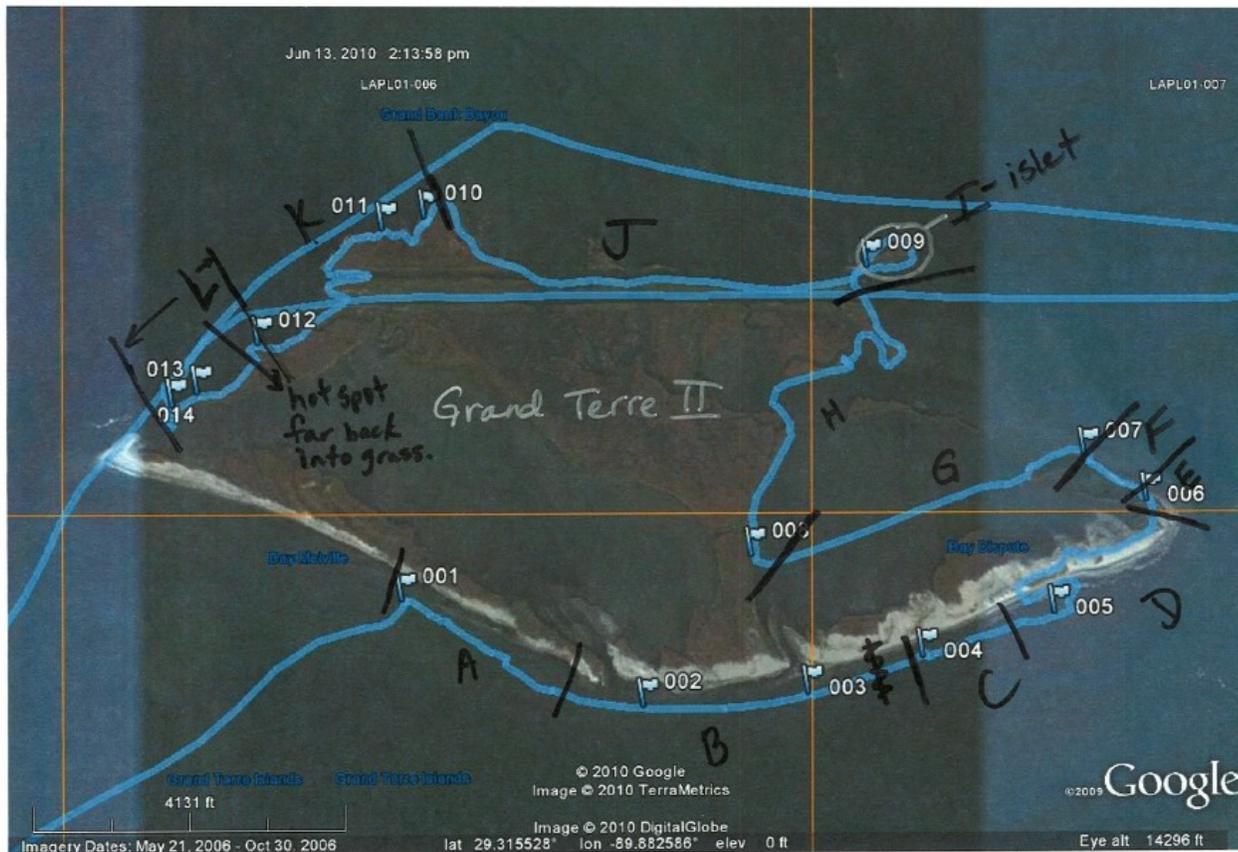


What is Rapid Assessment

- A first look! (Maybe all that's needed)
- NOT full-on SCAT
- Reporting from on-scene
- Could be from land, air, boat, etc.



What do you want to know?... You've got one shot...

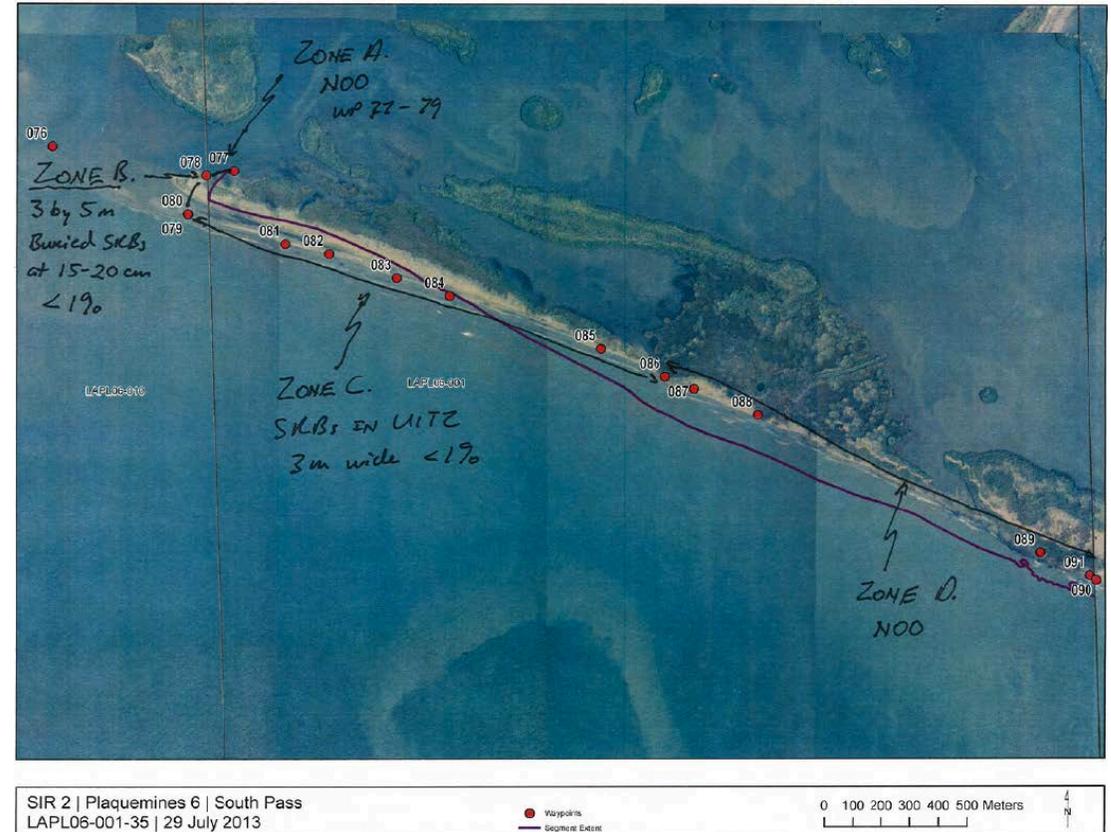


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- Where is the oil? Where it is not!
- How much oil is there?
 - *(Hint: don't say "a lot")*
- What is the environment like?
- High priority areas?
- Any cleanup ideas?

Before you go... Do you have what you need?

- Camera and photo scale
- Map (print it out!!!)
- GPS
- Job Aids
- Sampling materials?



First question – Is that actually oil?



Do you see a source?



Other hints?



Does it smell?

Watch for false positives



What information am I getting?

- Where are you? (lat/long)
 - Multiple waypoints if necessary
- Background information
 - Time/Weather/Tides/Currents
 - Helpful for trajectories
- Environment
 - Shoreline type?
- Describe Oiling as best you can
 - Cover, Thickness, Character

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SHORELINE OILING SUMMARY FORM for MC-252

Segment ID: LAPLO1-001-10,30 Date (dd/mm/yy) 13/06/10 Time (24h standard/daylight) 09:00 hrs to 11:00 hrs Tidal Height: L/M/L
 Segment Name: Grand Terrace III Survey By: (Fog/ Boat / Helicopter / Overlook) MC-252 Sun/Clouds / Fog / Rain / Snow / Windy

Name Organization Phone Number
 Jenni Nelson Polaris
 Mike Schrommer NOAA - OSPR
 Tom Perryman DFQ
 Mike Jennings SEPO

Total Length 300 m / yd Length Surveyed 300 m / yd Datum: WGS84 or
 Start GPS: LAT 29.20829 LONG 89.89196
 End GPS: LAT 29.21449 LONG 89.86354

Select only ONE Primary (P) and ANY Secondary types. CIRCLE those oiled.

Rocky Cliffs	Riprap
Exposed Man-made Structures	Exposed Tidal Flats
Wave-cut Platforms	Sheltered Rocky Shores
<u>P</u> Fine-Medium grained Sand Beaches	Sheltered Man-made Structures
Coarse-grained Sand Beaches	Sheltered Tidal Flats
Mixed Sand and Gravel Beaches	Wetlands
Gravel Beaches	Other:

Oiled Debris? Yes No Type see notes Amount 1000's bags
 Direct backshore access? Yes No Access description/restrictions
 Alongshore access from next segment? Yes No Suitable backshore staging? Yes No
 Begin with "A" in the lowest tidal zone

Zone ID	Shore Type	Tidal Zone				Oil Cover			Oil Thickness								Oil Character						
		LI	MI	UI	SU	Length m/ft	Width m/ft	%	FO	W	CT	ST	FL	FR	MS	TB	TC	SR	AP	No			
A	S	X	X	X		300	20	13	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
B	S	X	X	X		1200	15	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
C	S	X	X	X		450	10	25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
D	S	X	X	X		1000	1-15	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
E	S	X	X	X		100	2	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
F	S	X	X	X		300	2	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

Use letter of Zone location plus Number of trench, e.g., "A1"

Trench No.	Tidal Zone				Trench Depth ft/in	Oiled Interval cm/cm / in-in	Subsurface Oil Character				Water Table cm / in	Sediment Color B,R,S,N	Clean Below? Yes / No
	LI	MI	UI	SU			OP	PP	OR	OF			

Cleanup Recommendations; Ecological/Recreational/Cultural Issues/Wildlife Observations

① area around drainage pipe - berm eroded (from yesterday's survey). Sand from berm accelerating buried oil.
 ② mostly sandy tarballs - varies from 21 to 100% cover with some pools of oil. Evidence of oil and wildlife.
 ③ Area of pooling oil. Ops tent vacant, equipment being buried in sand. No one tending or cleaning - abandoned. Evidence of oil buried & some incorporation.
 Sketch: Yes/No Photos: Yes/No Photographer Name: Jenni Nelson & Schrommer, T. Perryman
 ④ construction (land building) area. Sand being moved by heavy equipment over and around oil. Very different land configuration than survey of 24-may.
 ⑤ Transition from sand to vegetated shoreline - pockets of pooled oil June 2009
 ⑥ small clay tarballs - fresh and weathered

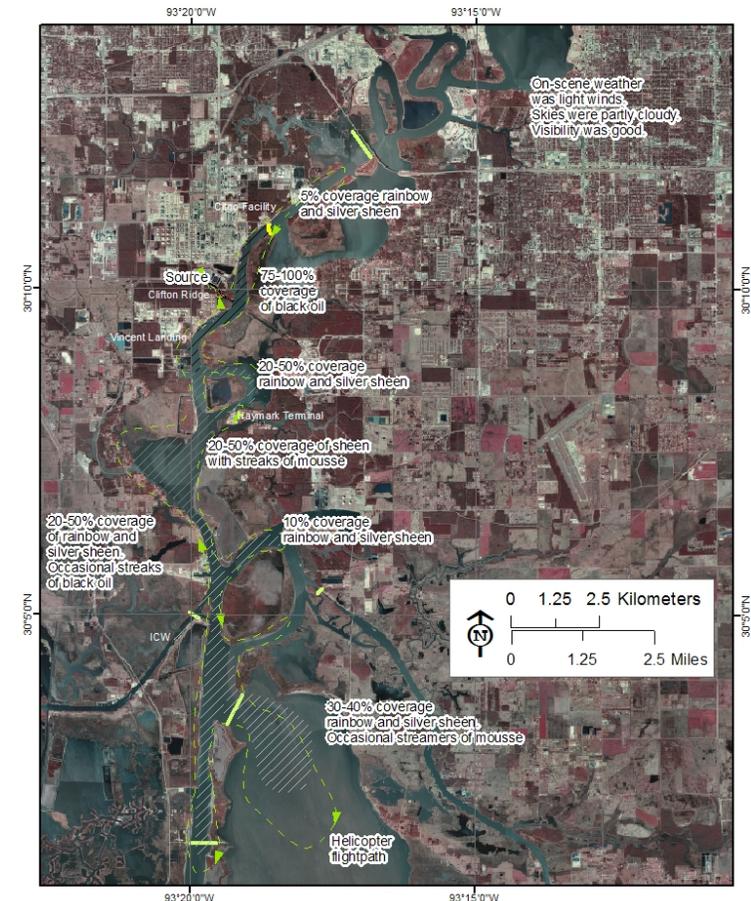


A map and some photos are worth 1,000 words



Citgo Refinery, Calcasieu River, LA
Overflight Map prepared by NOAA
USE ONLY AS A GENERAL REFERENCE

Date/Time: 23 June, 2006 1500
Platform: Helicopter
Observers: Kimrey (USCG), Jeansonne (NOAA), 2 Citgo Reps
Graphic does not represent precise amounts or locations of oil



“Representative” photos

Maps and pictures need each other!

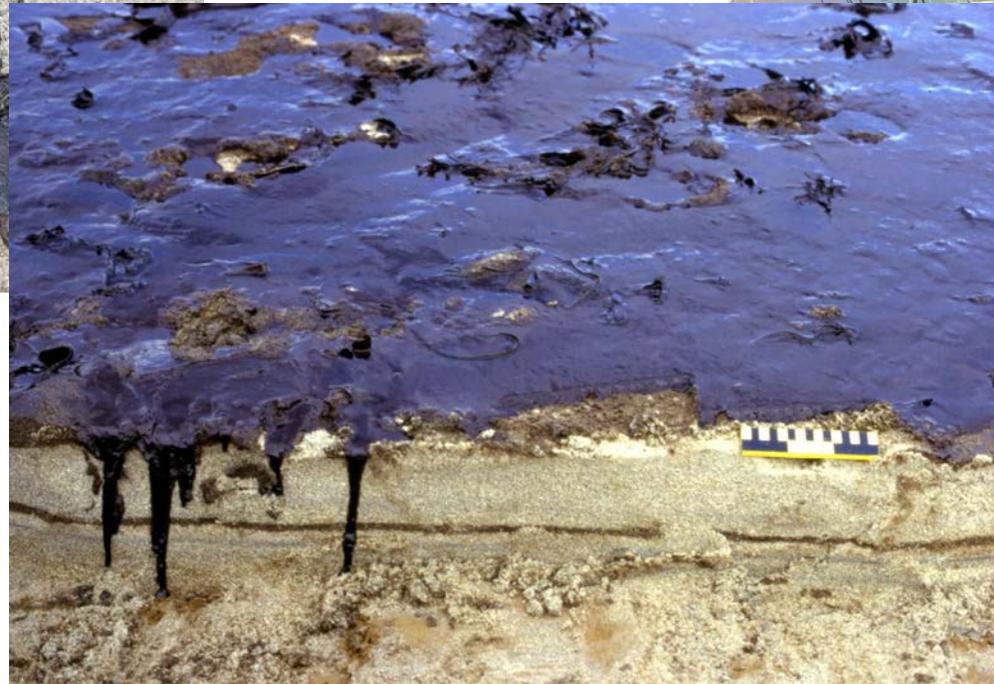


Bonus information...

- Responder access
 - Parking and gear staging?
- Other issues
 - Wildlife
 - Human use (heavily populated area, etc)
- Cleanup recommendations
 - Is it recoverable?
 - Priority? – How does this area compare to others you have seen?
 - Manual or machine?

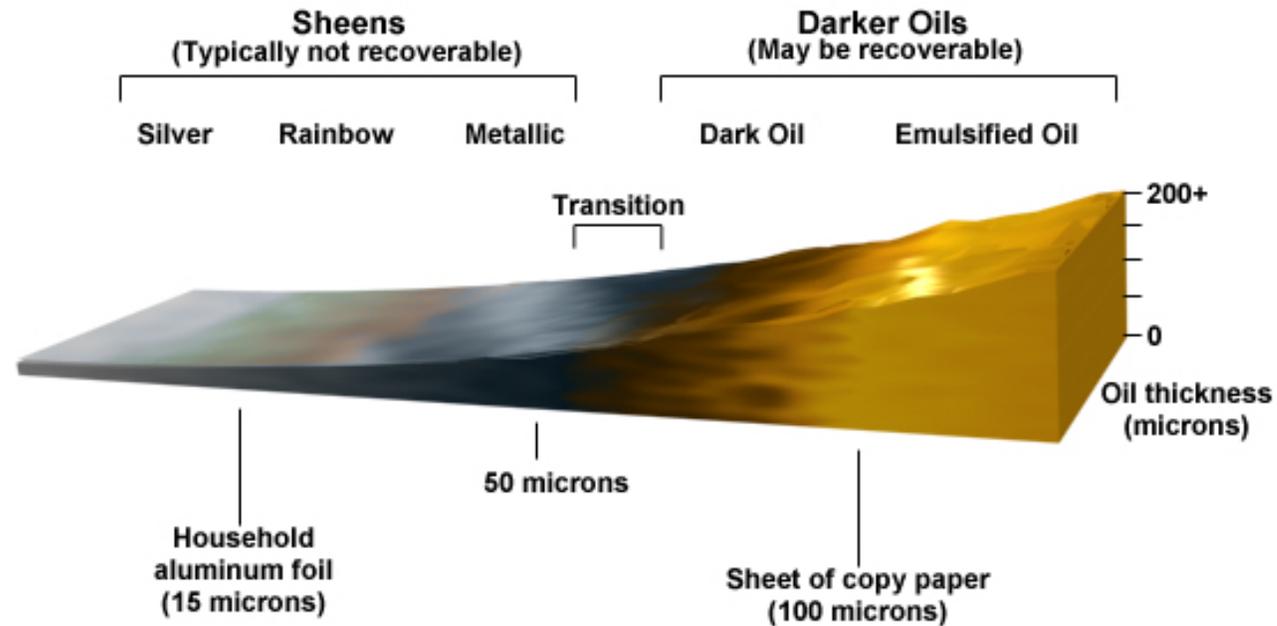


Describe It- Coverage, Thickness, Character



Sheens... It's RARELY just one

Relationship Between Thickness and Color for Oil on Water



“Did you see a lot of oil?”

Step 1

		Width of Oiled Area			
		Wide >6 m	Medium >3 m to 6 m	Narrow >0.5 m to 3 m	Very Narrow <0.5 m
Oil Distribution	Continuous 91 – 100%	Heavy	Heavy	Moderate	Light
	Broken 51 – 90%	Heavy	Heavy	Moderate	Light
	Patchy 11 – 50%	Moderate	Moderate	Light	Very Light
	Sporadic 1 – 10%	Light	Light	Very Light	Very Light
	Trace < 1%	Very Light	Very Light	Very Light	Very Light

Step 2

		Initial Categorization of Surface Oil			
		Heavy	Moderate	Light	Very Light
Average Thickness	Pooled Oil > 1 cm	Heavy	Heavy	Moderate	Light
	Cover 0.1 – 1.0 cm	Heavy	Heavy	Moderate	Light
	Coat 0.01 – 0.1 cm	Moderate	Moderate	Light	Very Light
	Stain/Film < 0.01 cm	Light	Light	Very Light	Very Light



Summary

- Rapid Assessment is a first look
- Think what your supervisor will want to know
- Do your best – can be overwhelming sometimes
- Be prepared before you go out
- Photos and maps are key
- Get whatever else you can



Questions?

