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Deepwater Horizon Response

In response to the loss of the Deepwater Horizon platform, BP activated CCA's Airborne Dispersant Delivery System (ADDS) and a cadre of Technical Advisors and Response Specialists to Stennis International Airport in Kiln, Mississippi.

CCA personnel and equipment deployed for 84 days, during which time CCA:

- Activated emergency contract for C-130 Hercules on behalf of BP.
- Flew 81 dispersant spray missions over the Gulf of Mexico under the authority and direction of the Unified Command.
- Sprayed 360,000 gallons of dispersant at calibrated dosage of 5 gallons per acre. **This accounted for more than one third of the total dispersant sprayed by all aircraft during the entire incident.** Depending on effectiveness, CCA treated an estimated 5.7-11.5 million gallons of oil (CCA calculation, not confirmed).
- Coordinated with Spotter aircraft providing targeting vectors and spray on/off instructions.
- Provided ground support and flight crews to additional ADDS dispatched from Alaska (Alyeska) and England (Oil Spill Response).
- Achieved 100 percent Full Mission Capable (FMC) status for ADDS and had NO/ZERO Health, Safety and Environment incidents during the entire activation and deployment.
- Dispatched 13 truckloads of EC9500 dispersant (30,000 gallons), containment boom, in-situ burn systems, skimmers, and other ancillary equipment to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Provided ground support and ADDS flight crews, and served as Stennis Deputy Operations under a Global Response Network support arrangement to MSRC.
- CCA Technical Advisor (USN retired pilot) served as Dispersant Air Operations Coordinator at the Command Center in Houma, LA.
- Maintained ability to respond to other spills in the Caribbean/Latin America.

CCA is proud of its contribution to the Deepwater Horizon response and believes that the judicious use of dispersants helped to minimize the overall impact of the spill on the environment.

CCA is a non-profit oil spill response cooperative based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with responsibility for the Caribbean, North and South America. BP has been a member of CCA



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