

Final Joint Information Command Update on Thunder Horse Response Effort

Houston - July 19, 2005 - The joint effort by BP, Smit International, the US Coast Guard and US Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service continues today to respond to the Thunder Horse platform incident in Mississippi Canyon Block 778 approximately 150 miles southeast of New Orleans.



The situation remains relatively unchanged since yesterday. The platform is trim. Displacement and freeboard are normal.

BP and its lead contractor Smit International were successful in making the vessel seaworthy and storm-safe as a precaution against changes in weather conditions resulting from the progress of Hurricane Emily into the western Gulf of Mexico.

The Coast Guard, Minerals Management Service and BP's partner, ExxonMobil, continue to participate in the response.

The Coast Guard and BP continue work to determine cause.

There have been no spills.

Concern for safety and the environment remain top priorities.

Relevant Web Sites:

- [Securing Offshore Oil & Gas Production in the 2005 Hurricane Season](#)
- [Hurricane Information](#)
- [Hurricane and Tropical Storm Procedures](#) (PDF-251 KB)
- [MMS Main Web Site](#)
- [Gulf of Mexico Website](#)

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