

Okaloosa County News Release

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Odors from Burn Operations at the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill Are Not a Health Hazard

Florida Department of Environment Protection (DEP) and the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) are taking sand, water and air samples in the area periodically for environmental monitoring purposes. We have not received any notification that the burn odors are harmful.

Due to winds being out of the south, Okaloosa County Public Safety is reporting that the odors we are experiencing are from burn operations conducted yesterday. Winds are currently from the south and southeast and are favorable for bringing some of the odors into the area. There are no reports of oil offshore of Okaloosa County.

Feel free to call the 311 Citizens Information Line (850-423-4894 outside area,) selecting 8 for a recording or 0 for an operator. Additionally, you can email the CIL online at www.okaloosafl.com. Follow us on Twitter at OKALOOSAEOC.

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