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OIL SPILL VOLUNTEER TRAINING AVAILABLE

BILOXI-The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Marine Resources have been meeting with British Petroleum to announce the availability of training sessions for beach cleanup volunteers this week.

After completion of training, volunteers will be assigned to a beach location in the same county as their training. Those who attend the 2 p.m. training will be provided with a 4 p.m. meeting point, the 4 p.m. sessions will be given a 6 p.m. meeting point, and the 6 p.m. sessions will be given a 9 a.m. meeting point for the following day.

Community training for beach cleanup will be conducted at two Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College campuses as follows:

- 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.
 - Jackson County Campus, Gautier, in the gymnasium.
 - Jefferson Davis Campus, Gulfport, in room U202.

Training at Pearl River Community College Campus will take place at the following times and location:

- 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday through Friday.
 - Pearl River CC Hancock County Center in Waveland.

This response training is hosted by local elected officials, BP personnel, community organizations, and MGCCC. These training sessions will qualify volunteers to participate in pre-landfall beach cleaning of debris to minimize impact to the beaches and make any post-impact cleanup more efficient. Federal, state and private entities are asking any volunteers to attend training to ensure their personal safety and well-being.

For more information, contact the State Emergency Joint Information Center at 866-519-MEMA (6362), or visit us online at www.msema.org. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook using the keyword MSEMA.

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