

Gulf of Mexico Decontamination Information:

For commercial vessels with oil on their hulls when entering port in the northern Gulf of Mexico, vessel decontamination information is available at the following link. A recreational plan is being developed; until that plan is in place, recreational vessels should follow the information for commercial vessels.

<http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/portDirectory.do?tabId=1&cotpId=38> (click the drop down menu for the homeport sites for Morgan City, New Orleans, or Mobile; then follow the "News and Events" or "Port Condition" links for information related to those areas)

Individual vessels must conduct a self-assessment and if they determine that they are oiled:

- in Louisiana they should hail the "Decon. Station" via VHF Channel 16 to set up hull cleaning. Several stations have been set up and are described at http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/contentView.do?contentType=2&channelId=-17385&contentId=258896&programId=12609&pageType=16440&BV_SessionID=@@@1506743007.1274289702@@@&BV_EngineID=cccfadekgmjddhjcfjgcfgfdffhdghm.0
- in Mobile, Alabama or MS area, they should call 251-445-8983 or submit a self assessment form via e-mail. Links to the e-mail form and Decon Cleaning Station information are available at http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/programView.do?channelId=-17385&programId=118401&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2Feditorial.jsp&pageType=16440&BV_SessionID=@@@2033051129.1274290700@@@&BV_EngineID=ccccadekgmjddficfjgcfgfdffhdghm.0

A helpful phone number where the USCG personnel may be able to answer questions is 251-445-8983, which is the Marine Transportation Recovery Unit in Mobile, AL.