Nearshore Surface Oil Forecast Mississippi Canyon 252

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Estimate for: 1200 CDT, Monday, 5/24/10 Date Prepared: 2100 CDT, Sunday, 5/23/10

This forecast is based on the NWS spot forecast from Sunday, May 22 PM and the NWS/NCEP gridded NAM winds. Currents were obtained from several models (NOAA Gulf of Mexico, West Florida Shelf/USF, TAMU/TGLO, NAVO/NRL) and HFR measurements. The model was initialized from Saturday satellite imagery analysis (NOAA/NESDIS) and Sunday overflight observations. The leading edge may contain tarballs that are not readily observable from the imagery (hence not included in the model initialization). Oil near bay inlets could be brought into that bay by local tidal currents.

