



The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

July 20, 2010

To: All House Members
From: Speaker Larry Cretul
Date: 07/20/2010
Re: HOUSE WORK GROUPS FOR DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE PLAN

Dear Members:

After reviewing the status of the Deepwater Horizon well blowout, meeting with affected citizens, and talking with my colleagues in the Florida House and Senate, I am establishing six workgroups with specific assignments. These workgroups are expected to uncover problems and offer meaningful legislative solutions to the issues created by the oil spill and submit their recommendations to me by August 31st.

The goals and guiding principles for these workgroups are:

- Assist Florida's citizens, businesses, and state and local governments in addressing the disaster and ensuring responsible parties are held accountable.
- Assure legislative actions bring meaningful relief while preserving fiscal responsibility and transparency.
- Assure legislative actions add value and make efficient use of resources.
- Enhance coordination, eliminate barriers, and streamline processes within legislative authority to influence.
- Avoid duplicating or distracting from other efforts to respond to and recover from the disaster.

I have agreed with Senate President Atwater to concentrate our efforts to identify legislation that may be passed this fall to assist citizens in Florida's coastal counties. I encourage you to follow the activities and conclusions that emerge from these workgroups and to participate as we seek solutions.