May 7
BP announces another containment vessel will be deployed to the south Chandeleur Islands.

May 8
A large oil slick is sighted on the surface of the water offshore Venice, Louisiana. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar of Colorado; Governor Riley of Alabama, and Governor Crist of Florida and Louisiana make their first public appearances after the well blowout.

May 9
East Coast Governor's Conference, headed by Massachusetts Governor of Barbour, of Mississippi, and Louisiana Governor of Clinton, makes a request to President Obama for loo planning and development with the devastated area.

May 10
President Obama makes his first visit to Louisiana and Barron of the White House visits the Gulf of Mexico and Florida Keys.

May 11
Governor H. L. John Williams of Alabama declares a state of emergency due to the BP deepwater spill. BP announces increased oil capture in the wellbore and drill fire.

May 12
The U.S. Coast Guard announces that the maximum potential threat of the spill is 8,000 barrels per day. BP also announces that the well is under control and is not spilling oil.

May 13
The U.S. Coast Guard notes that the maximum potential threat of the spill is 8,000 barrels per day. The estimated potential well leak is 8,000 barrels per day.