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### **STATE OF MICHIGAN AGENCIES CONTINUE EFFORTS TO HELP CITIZENS, WILDLIFE IMPACTED BY CALHOUN COUNTY OIL SPILL**

LANSING, Mich. – Governor Granholm today continued to push for sufficient resources to adequately address the oil spill in southwest Michigan. The governor also has asked the U.S. Coast Guard to assess the situation and provide recommendations for stopping the advance of oil.

State agencies were on scene again today meeting with local, state, federal, and private sector responders, and providing much-needed help to citizens and wildlife impacted by the spill. The state has also activated a Joint Information Center (JIC) to coordinate the dissemination of public information to the news media on this ongoing situation.

Highlights of the state's efforts include:

- Michigan today launched a new website with response efforts and public information, including video footage and photos, at [www.michigan.gov/oilspill](http://www.michigan.gov/oilspill). Citizens can also receive information on Twitter by following [www.twitter.com/MichEMHS](http://www.twitter.com/MichEMHS), [www.twitter.com/MDNRE](http://www.twitter.com/MDNRE) and [www.twitter.com/MichDeptofAg](http://www.twitter.com/MichDeptofAg).
- The Michigan National Guard, 51<sup>st</sup> Civil Support Team is conducting air monitoring in conjunction with the EPA. All air monitoring results will be released by the EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/enbridgespill/>. Staff from the MDCH will consult on necessary monitoring and possible health effects.
- The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has issued an irrigation and watering advisory for the entire length of the Kalamazoo River, which includes creeks or small streams entering the Kalamazoo River. MDA issued the advisory out of an abundance of caution to ensure the safety and health of farmers, livestock, producers and Michigan citizens.

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- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) is on site working in conjunction with Focus Wildlife – a contractor hired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service -- to handle wildlife recovery and cleaning efforts. Citizens are strongly discouraged from attempting to clean any impacted wildlife, as one quart of oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water. People who encounter impacted wildlife should call 1-800-306-6837. Persons wishing to donate items toward wildlife cleanup efforts can call the United Way's 2-1-1 free referral service.
- The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is advising people not to eat fish from Talmadge Creek or the Kalamazoo River. The MDCH is also advising people not to touch or swim in the Talmadge Creek or Kalamazoo River, and to avoid the general area of the spill.

Citizens are reminded to stay out of the general area of the spill and avoid contact with affected waterways and wildlife. Residents with concerns or those with oil on their property can call the Enbridge hotline at 1-800-306-6837.

On July 27, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm declared a state of disaster in Calhoun County and potentially affected areas along the Kalamazoo River downstream of Talmadge Creek, in response to Monday's oil spill from a pipeline near Marshall, Michigan.

Since July 26, state agency personnel have been on scene assisting local response efforts as needed. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was activated on July 27, 2010 and is coordinating local, state, federal and private sector response efforts.

Additional information on State of Michigan efforts can be found at [www.michigan.gov/oilspill](http://www.michigan.gov/oilspill).

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