

U.S. orders BP to report faulty filtration detected in well

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NEW ORLEANS, USA - The U.S. government on Sunday ordered the British company BP to report on a "leak detected" and other "anomalies" in the vicinity of the damaged oil well in the Gulf of Mexico.

"I order you to give me a written schedule for opening the throttle as quickly as possible without damaging the well in case of confirmed oil leak near the head" of the drill, said Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, in a letter Sunday to the director of BP, Bob Dudley, which called for a report.

The oil-combination of carbon and hydrogen are generated naturally in crude oil, and its detection could mean that there is oil leaking from an area near the well, failed to 1,500 meters deep after the explosion that killed eleven operators BP Deepwater Horizon platform, and led to its sinking off the coast of Louisiana on April 22.

"When leaks are detected, is the order of organizing resources to promptly investigate and report findings to the Government in not more than four hours," the official said in the letter.

In addition, "must give a written update on the current 24 hours after the launch of their intentions," he demanded. "A priority requirement is to provide access and to coordinate monitoring systems (...) until you can be sure that no new spills of oil from the well," he added.

For the first time Sunday, 90th day of the disaster, the British group announced the possibility that the well would remain closed until the seal permanently in coming weeks thanks to the ongoing excavation of diversion wells.

"Taking into account the comments made, including the leak detected near the well and unspecified abnormalities in the wellhead, monitoring of the seabed is of paramount importance during the testing period," he said Allen.

BP on Thursday stopped the leak of oil for the first time since April and stopped oil spill millions of gallons into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

"The well is closed and the pressure continues to rise slowly," which is "a very good sign," said Sunday BP chief operating officer, Doug Suttles, press teleconference.

The oil continues to work in two diversion wells that must intercept the main well to several kilometers underground and allow "kill him" definitely covering it with cement. This extremely complex and delicate operation is scheduled for late July or mid August.

The oil spill affects the lives of all inhabitants of the southern states of the United States: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, which depend on fishing and tourism.

"I do not know if this will help. It remains a short-term basis," he told AFP a resident of New Orleans, the medical researcher Ashok Pullikuth.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates that between 2.3 million and 4.5 million barrels of oil spread on the sea, of which a part was recovered or evaporated.

400 endangered species-from the smallest bacterium to the crabs or sea turtles, experts estimate that oil has begun to impact the ecosystem.

"A huge environmental experience is beginning," he told AFP Ron Kendall, director of the Institute of human and environmental health of the Texas Tech University "The basis of the ecosystem are already affected," he said.

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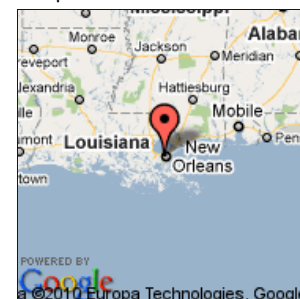
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