



## Gulf Spill Site Visit Report July 2010

On July 6th - 8th, we decided to return to the sites that we had previously visited in Louisiana to see what changes had occurred since our last visit 6 weeks earlier. The two sites that we revisited were the areas around Grand Isle (Jefferson Parish) and Venice (Plaquemines Parish), Louisiana.

We hired the same boat captain (from our previous visit) to take us into the marshlands, waterways, and bays. The intent of this trip was to see what had changed since our last visit and how much the oil had moved into the various areas. We did not take any new samples of the oil sludge because we had already collected many different samples on our previous visit.

The constant smell of oil was in the air and when we dipped our hands in what looked like clean seawater we could smell the oil in the water. On our previous visit we only saw the oil sheen in some areas, on this visit the oil sheen was everywhere in the water.

On our visit 6 weeks earlier the oil had just started entering the beaches, marshlands, and waterways. On this visit the oil had moved well into the marshlands and bays. What we observed were miles and miles of areas of grassland that were black, oily, and dead. You can see this from the most recent site photos. The oil had moved many miles into the marshlands.

To see the photos that we took during this visit - <http://www.obio.com/gulfphotosJuly9.html>

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