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"The sounds of people drowning are something that I cannot describe to you and neither can anyone else. It's the most dreadful sound and there is a terrible silence that follows it."

Eva Hart, Titanic Survivor



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- Firehouse Magazine
- United National
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Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

Oil cleanup workers protest 'flotel' housing

http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog_upshot/20100721/bs_yblog_upshot/oil-cleanup-workers-protest-flotel-housing

BP names Dudley as CEO, announces \$17 billion loss

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/27/AR2010072700479.html?hpid=topnews>

Interoperable Radios Helping Put Oil Spill Cleanup on the Fast Track

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Interoperable-Radios-Oil-Spill-Cleanup.html>

As federal panel probes oil spill, picture emerges of a series of iffy decisions

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/24/AR2010072402594.html?hpid=topnews>

Despite oil, baby turtles being released to Gulf

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100724/ap_on_sc/us_gulf_oil_spill_endangered_turtles

In Gulf oil disaster, cameras can't capture the human toll

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/07/26/mental.health.gulf/index.html?hpt=C1>

Keeping tabs on the oil spill

http://fcw.com/articles/2010/07/26/back-talk-social-media-oil-spill.aspx?sc_lang=en

Florida Planning to Wind Down Emergency Response to Oil Spill

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/news-article.aspx?storyid=160807>

Inquiry asks: Did fire crews cause BP rig to sink?

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38449354>

'Task before us is very clear,' oil crisis response chief says

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/07/27/gulf.oil.disaster/index.html?hpt=T2>

100-Day Oil Spill Delays Florida's Recovery 'A Year, If Not More'

<http://today.ucf.edu/100-day-oil-spill-delays-floridas-recovery-a-year-if-not-more/>

Crisis management 101: What can BP CEO Hayward's mistakes teach us?

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/07/27/bp.tony.hayward.mistakes/index.html>

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

For Taza, a flood of support after storm (Massachusetts)

http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/food/articles/2010/07/21/for_taza_a_flood_of_support_after_storm/?page=full

The Market For Emergency Managers: Competency vs. Mastery

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/campus/98903704.html>

SC's Emergency Preparedness in Question After Major Cuts

<http://www2.wspa.com/news/2010/jul/20/2/scs-emergency-preparedness-question-after-major-cu-ar-602911/>

New Polk Emergency Operations Center runs first drill (Florida)

<http://www.newschief.com/article/20100720/NEWS/7205021/1021/news01?Title=New-Polk-Emergency-Operations-Center-runs-first-drill>

The top foods you should keep in case of an emergency

<http://shine.yahoo.com/channel/food/the-top-foods-you-should-keep-in-case-of-an-emergency-2046609/>

FEMA All Hazard Preparedness Campaign Continues

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=52199>

Rhode Island Long Term Recovery Group Is In High Gear

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=52202>

Study on how Gulf and East Coast residents respond to hurricane evacuation warnings

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14704&a=email>

How CrisisCommons Is Helping the Tech Community Help Others

<http://mashable.com/2010/07/23/crisiscommons-profile/>

Why Americans aren't prepared for the next mega-disaster

<http://www.smartplanet.com/people/blog/pure-genius/a-disaster-is-coming-youre-not-prepared/4178/>

Puerto Rico governor presses US emergency agency to provide aid for 17 flooded communities

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/nationworld/sns-ap-cb-puerto-rico-flooding.0.3941884.story?track=rss>

PEMA Director Outlines Challenges Facing Emergency Responders from Fast-Growing Marcellus Shale Drilling Industry

http://news.yahoo.com/s/usnw/20100726/pl_usnw/DC40671_1

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Suspected list maker raises questions about disaster preparedness in letter (Utah)
http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700050975/Suspected-list-maker-Teresa-Bassett-raises-questions-about-disaster-preparedness-in-letter.html?s_cid=rss-32

Fire Ready Montana campaign launched
<http://www.kaj18.com/news/fire-ready-montana-campaign-launched/>

Applying for FEMA aid now a smart phone app away
http://fcw.com/articles/2010/07/19/fema-disaster-aid-smart-phone-application.aspx?admgarea=TC_HLS

Colorado Students Learn Disaster Response Skills, Glimpse Careers
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Colorado-Students-Disaster-Response.html>

The Emergency Manager's Dilemma: Should You Take Your BlackBerry on Vacation?
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Emergency-Managers-Dilemma-BlackBerry.html>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Playing politics with public records requests
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38350993/ns/politics-more_politics/

Graduate of Va.'s Oakton High charged with trying to join terrorist group
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/21/AR2010072104577.html?hpid=topnews>

Suspect denies role in JFK airport plot in NYC
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/20/AR2010072006360.html?hpid=nation>

Hit list draws fire in wake of leaked US documents
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_military_strikes_wikileaks

WikiLeaks disclosures unlikely to change course of Afghanistan war
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072605657.html?hpid=topnews>

Pentagon can't account for how it spent \$2.6 billion in Iraqi funds, audit finds
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072605535.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

Immigrant groups criticize fingerprint initiative
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072603948.html?hpid=sec-nation>

Judge orders Fairfax terror suspect to remain in jail until his trial (Virginia)
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072605059.html?hpid=sec-metro>

REPORT TOUTS PROGRESS ON 9/11 COMMISSION ADVICE
<http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/14079/128/>

American-Bred Terrorists Causing Alarm For Law Enforcement
<http://abcnews.go.com/WN/suspected-american-terrorists-islamic-ties-causing-concern-law/story?id=11230885>

Migrants sell up, flee Arizona ahead of crackdown
http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/us_usa_immigration_arizona

Holocaust museum program named for slain guard raises teens' consciousness
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2010/07/24/ST2010072402970.html?sid=ST2010072402970>

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Campus Safety and Security

FEMA And The University Of Rhode Island Partner For Recovery

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=52203>

In wake of possible threat, UM student concerned with campus alert system (Montana)

<http://www.kxlf.com/news/in-wake-of-possible-threat-um-student-concerned-with-campus-alert-system/>

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Special Needs

After a Disaster, Kids Suffer Posttraumatic Stress Too

<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,2004902,00.html#ixzz0uqqzzKF4>

Senior citizens learn how to prepare for disasters (Mississippi)

<http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20100721/NEWS/7210355/Senior-citizens-learn-how-to-prepare-for-disasters>

Disabilities act anniversary, but still a long way to go

<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/38403707/ns/business-careers/>

Are disabled still at risk in disasters?

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/OPINION/07/26/fugate.disabled.disasters/index.html>

Amazing success fueled by act of discrimination

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/07/26/ada.talbot/index.html?hpt=C1>

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Hazard Research and News

Passenger describes 'free fall' onboard United jet

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/21/AR2010072106297.html?hpid=sec-metro>

Safe containing radioactive material missing from hospital (Illinois)

<http://www.chicagobreakingnews.com/2010/07/safe-holding-radioactive-material-missing-from-hospital.html>

Power outages expected to linger days after Washington area storm

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072601401.html?hpid=topnews>

National Transportation Safety Board report on Metro crash may reach nationwide

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072605300.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

Supercomputer will 'prepare for the future by solving tomorrow's problems today'

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14705&a=email>

Dam fails in eastern Iowa, causing massive flooding

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/07/24/iowa.dam.breach/index.html?hpt=T1&iref=BN1>

200 structures destroyed in Iowa dam flooding

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/07/25/iowa.dam.breach/index.html?hpt=T2>

Chicago areas declare disaster after flooding (Illinois)

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/07/25/chicago.area.floods/index.html?hpt=T2>

2 killed in explosion near Pittsburgh-area well (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/23/AR2010072302542.html?hpid=sec-nation>

Storm chasers complete largest-ever tornado study

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2010/0721/Storm-chasers-complete-largest-ever-tornado-study>

Dengue Fever Showing Up In Central Florida

<http://www.wesh.com/health/24343521/detail.html>

Audio released of barge-tour boat collision (Pennsylvania)

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/07/24/pennsylvania.duck.boat.crash/index.html?hpt=T2>

Local residents report that animals felt D.C. quake seconds before they did

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/24/AR2010072402705.html?hpid=sec-metro>

Paradise lost: Lava engulfs Hawaiian home

<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/38416388/ns/today-todaytravel/>

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National Weather Service Taps RENCi to Explore Decision Support Services for Weather Emergencies

<http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/566840/?sc=rssn>

Saving lives in "Tornado Alley" through state-of-the art weather forecasting and warning systems

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072604368.html?wprss=rss_politics/fedpage

Wildfire grows to 6,000 acres in California's Sequoia National Forest

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/07/27/california.wildfire.evacuations/index.html?hpt=T2>

Wildfires put Kern County, California under state of emergency

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/07/28/california.wildfires.spread/index.html?hpt=T2>

2 killed, 1 hurt in rare Montana tornado

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/07/27/montana.tornado.deaths/index.html?hpt=T2>

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Public Safety Communications, Interoperability, 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 News

Las Vegas casino bypassed 911 after fatal showroom accident (Nevada)
<http://www.homeland1.com/homeland-security-news/853017-las-vegas-casino-bypassed-911-after-fatal-showroom-accident/>

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Other

New York City EMT arrested on multiple sexual assault charges

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/07/21/new.york.emt.charged/index.html?hpt=T2>

Port Re-Entry and Hazardous Materials: When Time is of the Essence

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/infrastructure/Port-Hazardous-Materials.html>

Bridgeport blaze leads to 2 firefighter deaths (Connecticut)

<http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Bridgeport-blaze-leads-to-2-firefighter-deaths-589614.php>

Orlando Saves Firefighter Jobs With Grant Money (Florida)

<http://www.wesh.com/news/24399492/detail.html>

City Terminates All But Two in Police Force (Texas)

<http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local-beat/City-Terminates-Entire-Police-Force-99199869.html>

Stretcher-Mounted Telemedicine System Aids Critical Pediatric Care in Cincinnati (Ohio)

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/health/Stretcher-Mounted-Telemedicine-System-Cincinnati.html>

Schwarzenegger orders more furloughs for state workers (California)

http://blogs.sacbee.com/the_state_worker/2010/07/schwarzenegger-orders-more-fur.html

Cities threaten to cut 500,000 jobs

http://money.cnn.com/2010/07/28/news/economy/city_job_cuts/index.htm?hpt=T1

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International News Stories

Haiti Earthquake Recovery

IMF forgives Haiti's \$268 million debt to the fund

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/americas/07/21/haiti.debt.imf/index.html?hpt=T1>

IOM: Preparing for Haiti's hurricane season

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14706&a=email>

UNOPS: 200,000 Haitian buildings assessed for structural damage

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14718&a=email>

Taking lessons learned from Nepal to Haiti

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14651&a=email>

Haiti must emerge safer says UN Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14596&a=email>

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Civil Preparedness, Security and Humanitarian Affairs

Disaster Management - Nema Advocates Strict Traffic Rules Enforcement (Nigeria)
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201007190125.html>

Britain no longer has the cash to defend itself from every threat, says Liam Fox
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/politics/defence/7905649/Britain-no-longer-has-the-cash-to-defend-itself-from-every-threat-says-Liam-Fox.html>

Mexican drug cartels bring violence with them in move to Central America
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/26/AR2010072605661.html?hpid=topnews>

Philippines: Preparing for the next storm
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14665&a=email>

EU: Building bridges between researchers and policymakers
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14692&a=email>

Philippines: Disaster risk reduction practice ideal model in disaster management says study
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14734&a=email>

Africa mulls response to Somali threat
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100721/wl_africa_afp/africanunionsummit:_ylt=AmVG5P_HHspYa5H.LpPRC85y96Q8F;_ylu=X3oDMTJxcTJpamY4BGFzc2V0A2FmcC8yMDEwM_DcyMS9hZnJpY2FudW5pb25zdW1taXQEcG9zAzEwBHNIYwN5bl9wYWdpbmF0ZV9zdW1tYXJ5X2xpc3QEc2xrA2FmcmljYW11bGxzcg--

U.S. to resume ties with Indonesia's once-harsh special forces
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/22/AR2010072201449.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

All-hazards approach to disaster funding
http://www.ag.gov.au/www/ministers/mcclelland.nsf/Page/MediaReleases_2010_ThirdQuarter_2July2010-All-hazardsapproachtodisasterfunding

UK: Fire service urges prevention and education measures
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14649&a=email>

ECOSOC urges to develop disaster preparedness and risk reduction measures
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14644&a=email>

Ghana: Call for responsibility towards disaster prevention and management
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14593&a=email>

Enhancing urban resilience against disasters can spur development
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14589&a=email>

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Russia Welcomes Home Its Spies -- So What Now?

http://news.yahoo.com/s/time/20100726/wl_time/08599200650300

InterAction Joins Campaign to Improve Effectiveness of U.S. Foreign Assistance

<http://www.interaction.org/article/interaction-joins-campaign-improve-effectiveness-us-foreign-assistance>

Russia, U.S. outline areas of near-term cooperation in emergencies

<http://www.kyivpost.com/news/russia/detail/75164/#ixzz0v22q21dV>

Bath entrepreneur 'holds the key' to internet security (United Kingdom)

http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/bristol/hi/people_and_places/newsid_8855000/8855460.stm

France declares war against al-Qaida

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100727/ap_on_re_eu/eu_france_al_qaida_hostage

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Hazard Research and News

China flooding kills 701, worst toll in a decade

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/as_china_floods

'Predicting space weather needs international response'

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14670&a=email>

Bangladesh: Sustainable land management to prevent 'natural hazards'

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14662&a=email>

China: Experts call to improve anti-flood measures

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14707&a=email>

Nevis: 'Failure to adequately mitigate disasters could have severe repercussions' warns official

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14745&a=email>

18 killed amid panic at Germany's 'Love Parade'

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/07/24/germany.panic.deaths/index.html?hpt=T2>

1 dead, 42 injured as Swiss tourist train derails

<http://www.homeland1.com/mass-casualty-incidents-MCI/articles/853014-1-dead-42-injured-as-Swiss-tourist-train-derails/>

Dissident Irish republicans armed with new 'heavy' weapons

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/dissident-irish-republicans-armed-with-new-heavy-weapons-14879946.html#ixzz0uwq6uVno>

Power plant 'terror' attack kills 2 in Russia

http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/07/21/russia.station.attack/index.html?eref=edition_europe&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+rss%2Fedition_europe+%28RSS%3A+Europe%29&utm_content=Google+Reader#fbid=t3-cmp-DGn7

Space solutions proposed to lessen Africa's vulnerability to 'natural disasters'

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14631&a=email>

Philippines: Geo-hazard maps to help mitigate disasters in 4 towns

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14606&a=email>

Philippines: Seventy percent of calamity fund spent before the typhoon season

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=14595&a=email>

NASA Panel Calls for Asteroid Defense Office

http://news.yahoo.com/s/space/20100726/sc_space/nasapanelcallsforasteroiddefenseoffice

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Asteroid could threaten Earth in 2182

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38434537/ns/technology_and_science-space/?gt1=43001

Supercomputer predicts cyclones 5 days ahead

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38370991/ns/technology_and_science-science/

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Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders

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<http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/>

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Updates as of July 1, 2010

DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Supports the Deepwater Integrated Services Team

On April 20, 2010, an explosion occurred in the Gulf of Mexico on the deepwater drilling rig *Deepwater Horizon*, causing its collapse. It quickly became clear that, in addition to widespread environmental damage, the adverse economic impact on the Gulf States coastal areas as well as the personal impact on the people of these areas will likely be quite significant. Of particular concern are historically vulnerable populations residing in the Gulf Coast that have been directly impacted by this disaster; for example, there are numerous Vietnamese fishing communities who, in addition to facing dire economic consequences also face cultural and language barriers, including limited English proficiency (LEP). There are also fisherman who are deaf and in need of sign language interpreters to assure access to accurate information regarding the oil spill response activities and the claims process. CRCL has been closely monitoring response activities in the Gulf and, in collaboration with ICC partners, is working to assure that all residents, including individuals with disabilities and individuals with limited English proficiency have equal access to the entire array of response activities, including the claims process.

Shortly following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the Office of Management and Budget issued a memorandum in support of the National Incident Commander's Strategic Plan, and resulting in the formation the Deepwater Integrated Services Team with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) serving as the designated Lead Agency. This interagency team, of which CRCL is a member, was established to support recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast through the development and implementation of the *Deepwater Oil Spill Social Services and Small Business Assistance Coordination Plan*. This plan provides strategies for:

- managing the flow of information and communications;
- supporting state and local agencies;
- ensuring consistent and accessible messaging; as well as
- contingency planning to allow the Federal Government to meet surges in demand.

Among the plan's numerous objectives is the establishment of a communications and public information approach aligned with existing structures to effectively coordinate messaging among Federal, Tribal, State, local governments and non-profits. CRCL's role is to assure that all activities in support of the oil spill are carried out in a manner that assures equal access to all impacted residents without regard to race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), religion, sex, or disability.

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In addition to the National Level Deepwater Integrated Services Team led by FEMA and composed of Senior Interagency Officials, there are also Field-Based Deepwater Integrated Services Teams, led in each affected state by a Federal Resource Coordinator (FRC) who serves as liaison to the Unified Area Command and appropriate Incident Command Post(s). The Teams support the dissemination of information and the provision of counseling to ensure that all individuals have equal access to federally funded programs and activities, including addressing issues of low literacy and limited English proficiency (LEP), and compliance with Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

To assure that LEP populations have access to information related to the oil spill recovery activities, CRCL sent a Policy Advisor to the Gulf Coast in early June. Other CRCL staff are working in close coordination with FEMA's Director of the Office of Disability Integration and Coordination to assure that issues facing impacted residents with additional communication needs resulting from the presence of a disability are adequately addressed. CRCL contributed to the development of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) which established a uniform assessment process to identify communication needs and establish outreach plans for populations who have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and/or Additional Communication Needs (ACN) to include low literacy levels. This SOP guides the actions of the LEP/ACN functions, based on civil rights legal authorities, to provide meaningful access to key messages and information in languages and formats that can be understood by these populations. It ensures that communities who do not access information through mainstream English language media or who require alternate formats receive understandable and timely disaster assistance communications. CRCL has also contributed language towards the development of fact sheets to provide civil rights guidance to staff administering the BP escrow fund claims process.

CRCL is actively participating in regular meetings hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which focus on both physical and mental health of impacted residents. CRCL was instrumental in recommending consideration of lessons learned from the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 which include practices to assist residents in dealing with long term emotional, spiritual, and mental health issues that face populations whose livelihood is damaged or destroyed by an oil spill. CRCL's collaboration with HHS included communications with CDC's Office on Vulnerable Populations regarding the importance of reaching the diverse and underserved populations in the impacted area.

Most recently, CRCL has engaged in discussions regarding the draft protocol which sets forth the procedure for claims submissions and resolution of such claims by the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF) headed by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg. These discussions are intended to ensure that all potential claimants will be treated with respect, dignity, and fairness, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability.

For further information on current activities associated with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, visit: www.Disasterassistance.gov.

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NHSS Biennial Implementation Plan Comment Form

Welcome to the public comments page for the National Health Security Strategy's Biennial Implementation Plan (BIP).

1. Please click on the Draft Biennial Implementation Plan link (in the right sidebar) to open the document in a new window for review while commenting.
2. To submit a comment on the BIP, please click the button below.
3. Required fields necessary for form submission are marked with a red asterisk (*) in the form.

One form is required for each comment entered. If, for example, you wish to provide comments on more than one section of one objective, you will need to provide a separate comment for each.

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