

Lessons Learned from DWH about Dispersants

- Dispersants work for their intended purpose; reducing shoreline impacts from a spill.
- Subsea dispersant use is a valuable tool in the responder's toolbox IF IT IS NEEDED.
- Dispersant use is a very complex and politically contentious issue at all levels of government (Federal, State, Local).



Questions That Remain?

- Subsea ecological impacts still remain to be fully understood.
- Will they ever be used again?
- How can science & technology help in the decision-making process?



New Frontiers with Respect to Dispersant Use?

- Nanotechnology holds promise as a potential alternative to chemical dispersants
- Chem/Phys/Bio/Geo studies need to continue.
- Science-Driven Spatial Technology will assist in decision-making.

