Coordinating R&D on Oil Spill Response

in the Wake of Deepwater Horizon

Louisiana State University March 22-24, 2011

Breakout Session Structure

Breakout Session I: Tuesday, March 22 *Setting the Stage*

An assigned group member will give a brief presentation and overview of breakout group topic and status of the national R&D needs prior to Deepwater Horizon.

- 1) What were the state-of-the-art oil spill response practices with respect to TOPIC, prior to the Deepwater Horizon (DWH)?
- 2) What were the research and development needs prior to DWH?
- 3) How are/were these needs being addressed before or in the wake of DWH?

Breakout Session II: Wednesday morning, March 23 *Dialogue Between Responders and Researchers*

Researchers will have the opportunity to discuss (or provide brief presentation of) their projects. Questions are welcome and discussion between responders and researchers will ensue.

- 1) What are the new R&D needs that have become evident during, or in the aftermath of, DWH?
- 2) How does the current research fill in, or address these issues?
 - How will the results from oil spill research affect oil spill response practices? (i.e. How will the findings be put into practice?)
 - Are there potential responder-researcher partnerships that could benefit both parties? (i.e. Can responders act as project liaisons to aid in practicality?)

Breakout Session III: Wednesday afternoon, March 23 *Synthesis and Summary*

- 1) What are the revised R&D needs incorporating the pre DWH and post DWH needs list?
- 2) Prioritize the major gaps: which R&D needs should or have to be addressed first, second, etc.?
- 3) What are possible future studies and collaborations that can fill these gaps?