

EPA Staging/Decontamination Area and Landfill Site Visit Plan in Support of the BP Oil Spill Response

To ensure that waste is being managed in accordance with the approved BP Waste Management Plans and the joint U.S. Coast Guard / EPA Waste Management Directive, EPA plans to visit each staging/decontamination area and landfill that is receiving oil-contaminated waste from BP oil spill cleanup operations. Below describes EPA's plan for the staging/decontamination area and landfill site visits.

EPA Staging/Decontamination Area Site Visits:

1. EPA will conduct one site visit each week to each staging/decontamination area that handles oil-contaminated waste.
2. EPA will coordinate with state representatives to minimize duplication of effort.
3. EPA will provide its staging/decontamination area site visit reports to the state and post them on the EPA Web site.
4. EPA will seek to obtain state staging area site visit reports and where available, post them on the EPA Gulf Oil Spill Web site.

EPA Landfill Site Visits:

Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas environmental regulatory agencies have approved solid waste programs. The landfills receiving waste resulting from this incident are permitted by the states to accept the waste. EPA intends to support the states during their inspections and maintain a presence at these landfills.

1. EPA will visit each landfill receiving oil-contaminated waste from cleanup operations from the BP Oil Spill two times per month.
2. EPA personnel and contractors will complete a landfill site visit evaluation form during each landfill site visit and post these results on the EPA Gulf Oil Spill website.
3. To the extent feasible, EPA will conduct its visits jointly with the state.
4. EPA will seek to obtain state landfill site visit reports and where available, post them on the EPA Web site.