

Florida Qualified Community Responder Fact Sheet:

- BP is working in conjunction with the states of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida and their unemployment agencies to identify individuals who want receive training in order to be ready to help prevent, respond to and mitigate the impact of oil contamination on the shoreline.
- BP is building a team of 4,100 Qualified Community Responders (QCRs) to help with clean-up efforts in oil-contaminated areas in Alabama, Mississippi and the Florida Gulf Coast.
- Should oil reach southern shores, the QCRs will receive training and be prepared to jump into action, protecting local beaches.
- QCRs are a reserve corps of individuals who reside in the county in which they will be working, should the need arise.
- QCRs, unlike volunteers, are specifically trained by BP to work safely in oil-contaminated areas.
- Depending on the level of training they receive, QCRs can expect to do the following types of work:
 - carrying or handling of materials and supplies;
 - raking or shoveling debris;
 - with proper training, operating bobcats and power washers to clean rocks and beach areas;
 - wiping or washing oil covered items; and
 - removing trash and other debris.
- BP is training 200 individuals in each potentially affected county in Florida: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla counties.
- To apply, find a local career center and fill out an employment application. A list of local career centers is available at <http://www.floridajobs.org/onestop/onestopdir/OneStopDirList.asp>. Online applications are available at the following addresses.
 - **Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties**
 - <http://www.workforceescarosa.com>
 - **Okaloosa & Walton Counties**
 - <http://www.jobsplusonestop.com>
 - **Bay, Gulf, Franklin County**
 - <http://www.workforcecenter.org>
 - **Wakulla County**
 - <http://www.wfplus.com>
- QCRs will be placed in a database by county and will be on standby for deployment when the need arises. QCRs will not receive pay while on standby unless they are receiving additional training.

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- In order to become a QCR, you must reside in the county in which you will be deployed. Candidates must present valid photo identification, a utility bill to prove residence, and proof of eligibility to work in the United States.
- QCRs must be able to respond with short notice and work as many as 80 hours within a seven-day period. In addition, QCRs must be able to stand for long periods of time, walk long distances and perform repetitive bending and lifting activities.
- Currently, BP is focusing on training unemployed individuals.
- BP will pay for QCR applicants to go through all the training necessary.
- QCRs have the opportunity to receive additional training (beyond the 4-hour minimum) for positions such as Foreman, General Foreman and Superintendent.
- When needed, QCRs will be contacted by a BP contractor. Only those QCRs specifically called to action will have an opportunity to work and be compensated for their labor.
- Training is no guarantee of an opportunity to work. If oil never reaches the shore, QCRs will only be paid for their training time.