

# CUBA/US OIL RESPONSE UPDATE

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# CURRENT INFORMATION

**Cuba currently conducting horizontal drilling offshore from mainland**

**Cuban Land-based crude is very sour and cannot be refined**

**Seeking partner and Acceptable Drilling rig- Winter 2017  
(proposed)**

**Area of Strike Promise is very close to main tourism beach**

**Prevention is a major priority with Cuba**

**Still a lot of uncertainty between USG and Cuban Government**

# RECENT EVENTS

**Sept15: NOAA Marine Sanctuaries & Cuba Agreement**

**Oct15: Clean Seas, Safe Seas Conference**

**Nov15: Signed Agreement on Environmental Cooperation**

**Dec15: Bilateral USCG/DOS/CUBA Meeting at Clean Gulf**

**Jan16: Letter of Environmental Cooperation Signed**

**Jan16: CG-MER Instructed by DOS to draft bilateral Joint Contingency Plan (JCP) on Oil Spills**

# RECENT EVENTS

**13Feb16: DOS priority change**

**20Feb16: NSC Orders CG to draft immediate MOU with Cuba.**

**29Feb16: NSC/DOS Deliver draft agreement to Cuba**

- Close Call in Marine Sanctuary with Tug & T/V**
- District Commander orders a study of salvage capability ISO vessels around Cuba & Florida Straits**

**Fall 2016: Potential Mass Rescue/Pollution TTX**

# PROJECTED FUTURE PATH

- **Monitor political fall out from US elections**
- **Continue C-175 Negotiations on Bilateral Agreement**
- **Development of Joint Contingency Plan (Unified Coordination vice Unified Command; MEXUS Model)**
- **Cuban visitation/observation of PREP Exercise**
- **Cuban Participation in Spill & ICS Training in US**
- **Development of Exercise Program with Cuba (like MEXUS)**

\*\*Explore how we bring Cuba, Bahamas, etc., into the RRT Family.