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## **Health officials advise residents experiencing symptoms from odors**

**OKALOOSA** – The Okaloosa County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) has reported petroleum-like odors in parts of Okaloosa County as a result of burn operations conducted yesterday at the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

As a result, the Okaloosa County Health Department is advising residents that exposure to petroleum-like odors may cause temporary respiratory symptoms in sensitive individuals, such as eye, nose, and throat irritation. People experiencing respiratory symptoms, including those with pre-existing severe or chronic respiratory conditions such as asthma or chronic lung disease, should stay inside and consult their physician for treatment if symptoms persist. While inside, residents should close windows and run their cooling system. If symptoms persist while inside an air-conditioned home, residents may choose to leave the immediate area until symptoms are tolerable. The health department will continue to monitor this situation.

Florida residents and visitors who need updates on the oil spill can call the Florida Oil Spill Information Line at 1-888-337-3569 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (EDT) seven days a week.

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