



A report from an anonymous insider

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A synopsis of oil company reports from an anonymous source I consider credible. All below the fold.

We still cannot get people into the affected areas, so most production is remaining shut-in. Several platforms were left running on timers which will or have expired, allowing them to shut-in. There is no available phone service or power in the coastal areas east of ICY. Most generator systems will need to be purged and the fuel checked for water before even emergency power can be started. Mobil phone service is very patchy at best, and the landlines into Lafayette are overworked - please keep your communications at a minimum until further notice. Phones are non-existent from the Atchafalaya Basin eastward.

We will continue to try and get fueling stations up and running to allow us to field helicopters, but right now everything must be flown out of ICY or westward, and the standard fuel depots are not running or no longer in existence. We are extremely limited in the areas we can survey until fuel depots and heliports are up and running again.

From a helo pilot:

I just heard from our flight, which we sent to Venice and Fourchon for a look. There is a single building standing in Venice. The fuel tank is nearby but floating, along with huge amounts of debris from everywhere. All the nearby docks, boats and barges appear destroyed. There is lots of water inside the levees and destruction everywhere you look.

Fourchon looks OK at first glance. The roads even APPEAR POSSIBLY passable. The airport at Golden Meadow looks OK but no-one was around and there was no electricity. I know for a fact they have generators so we may be able to get fuel there later in the day. If our base fuel tank survived and the fuel is not contaminated, we have extra generators and will be trying to get that fuel system going. If Fourchon survived the fuel system on platform X might have as well.

Flight following will be a big problem. I will probably launch a small helo to orbit near GM to relay flight plans. Just for information, the Sikorsky that was abandoned at our base just before the storm hit is floating upside down on our heliport.

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