

ANSWER THE CALL! GULF STUDY TO VISIT <INSERT LOCAL COMMUNITY>

Local Oil Spill Cleanup Workers and Volunteers to be Contacted

The **GuLF STUDY**, the largest health study ever conducted on possible health effects of oil spills, is seeking the assistance of workers and volunteers in our community who helped clean up the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill.

Conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), part of the National Institutes of Health, the **GuLF STUDY** will help us learn if oil spills and exposure to crude oil and dispersants affect physical and mental health. The GuLF STUDY is good for the communities in the region, because over time, the study will generate some important data that may help inform policy decisions on healthcare and health services in the region.

Over the span of months, an estimated some 4 million barrels of oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico, inspiring more than 130,000 workers and volunteers to come to the Gulf shore to help in the cleanup efforts. Researchers will be contacting some of those individuals who helped clean up the oil spill, those who took the worker safety training, but did not get to do cleanup work and others who supported the cleanup efforts in the community in jobs such as food services or transportation.

If you took the clean up worker safety training, you may be contacted by the GuLF STUDY over the next 18 months and invited to participate. The study also includes a comparison group of people from the community who did not participate in the cleanup. Everyone contacted is needed to answer the call.

For more information, visit www.nihgulfstudy.org or call the GuLF STUDY office toll-free at 1-855-NIH-GULF (1-855-644-4853).