

Mitigation Measures for Turtles

- Sea turtle awareness training will be provided to all operation employees and contractors and will include track identification, notification protocols, and how to mark tracks or nest area if they are unable to stay on site until NPS personnel arrive.
- Vehicle monitors that will utilize an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) while escorting all large vehicles (vehicles larger than a pick-up truck or a pickup truck with a trailer) traveling to and from the well site.
- They will report all violations of the mitigation measures or conditions of approval, as well as all sightings of and incidents involving sea turtles or their nest, eggs, hatchlings, or tracks, immediately to the NPS.
- During the Protected Season (April 16 through June 30), an additional ATV monitor will be utilized behind each convoy to insure that all convoyed trucks maintain proper spacing.
- During the Protected Season, vehicle convoys will not travel the beach before an NPS turtle patroller patrols the beach ahead of them.
- Driving will be conducted above the Gulf beach "wet line" to prevent excessive erosion, crushing of benthic invertebrates, impacting endangered or threatened species, and help prevent disturbances to shorebirds.
- A total of 20 large vehicles (vehicles larger than a pick-up truck or a pickup truck with a trailer) are allowed each day.
- Large vehicles are limited to 20 vehicles each day, a speed limit of 15 mph or less, no traveling at night, and are scheduled in a manner that facilitates caravanning.
- During the Protected Season, each maintainer or similar equipment will have an ATV monitor.