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SITREP No: __7__ Name/contacts of Person completing this report: __EPA/JMAS__

Date/time of SITREP: __11/25/2025__ Date/time of Incident: __11/11-28/25__

Location of Incident: **7°18'08.68"N 151°53'36.61"E (WWII Vessel/Rio De Janeiro Maru)**

Taskforce Mission:

To identify and coordinate response actions, response priorities, and cooperative oil spill response arrangements.

Incident: A significant marine oil spill from Rio De Janeiro leaked into/onto Uman Island and potentially on nearby islands.

Situation to Date: 11/28/25

- Continuation of onsite monitoring and oil collection
- EPA soliciting voluntary groups with shoreline cleanup activities
- Follow-up shoreline assessment and current conditions of affected areas
- President allocates \$200,000.00 for Emergency Relief.

Actions to Date: 10/18-11/21, 2025

- A joint delegation from the **Embassy of Japan (EOJ), Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), JICA, ODA Japan, and Chuuk EPA** visited Uman Island on **October 27–28, 2025** to conduct a two-day assessment of the ongoing impacts of the Uman Oil Spill. This visit was in response to a request made by the State Government to The Government of Japan via FSM National Government.
- The Joint visit underscores the seriousness of the spill and the continued monitoring of both environmental and humanitarian impact.
- Oil recovery implemented once a week due to decrease in oil volume.
- Implementation of the emergency feeding program began 11/27/25, providing essential supplies- including rice, clean water, and canned goods to 520 households, representing approximately 2,554 residents.

Briefing with Chuuk State Leadership including Governor Narruhn, and members of the Emergency Task Force.

Meeting Highlights

- The delegation expressed **deep concern** after seeing the direct damage.

- They acknowledged the **urgent need for food, livelihood, and environmental support**.
- The Governor emphasized the community's vulnerability, relying heavily on fishing, assistance of coastal and marine experts for impact assessment and for urgent support on mitigation and extraction of oil from the wrecks.
- The Japan team stated their **willingness to help**, pending final review and decision by the Government of Japan.
- Procurement of oil spill supplies and materials approved and pending shipment by the government of Japan.

Key Observations and Impacts:

- Contaminated **shorelines and land areas** can be further exasperated by rising tides
- The Joint visit by Japan government underscores the seriousness of the spill and the continued monitoring of both environmental and humanitarian impact.
- Impacts witnessed during site visit include:
 - **Docks** with embedded oil
 - **Mangrove stands** with visible staining
 - **Visible oil residues** remain on soil, rocks, and coastal structures.
 - **Food sources remain at risk;**
 - Reports of **strong odors still persist**

On-going Activities:

Since the initial response, **continuous clean-up, containment, and monitoring efforts** have remained active to control risks and support community safety.

- **Shoreline & Coastal Debris Removal**
 - Remove oil-contaminated debris and materials
 - Inspect docks, seawalls, and mangrove areas for trapped oil
- **Oil Recovery**
 - Oil recovery conducted once a week as oil volume decreases.
- **Mangrove Area Monitoring**
 - Ongoing monitoring of oil in sensitive areas
 - Planning for future mangrove restoration efforts
- **Safe Waste Management**
 - Contaminated waste collected and delivered to Neauo Landfill site for disposal.
- **Public Awareness and Household Outreach**

- Community volunteers for clean up activities mobilized and on-going
 - Scheduled awareness to affected communities on Uman Island
 - Open communication and alertness of any oil spill incidents
- **Emergency Feeding Program**
 - The Office of The President allocated \$200,000 for Emergency Relief.
 - Delivery of essential supplies including rice, clean water, and canned goods started on Thursday, 11/27/25 and will continue until 12/04/25.
 - Coordination and distribution implemented by DECEM and Chuuk State Authorities including Uman municipal leaders.

Proposed Actions/Recommendations:

- Request extension of Emergency Declaration so as to continue monitoring and implementation of clean-up activities

PHOTOS: As depicted in these photos, there are still some areas with visible oil stains/sheen and more worrisome is that the rising tides have the potential to transport any remaining oil further inland further contaminating food and water resources.









