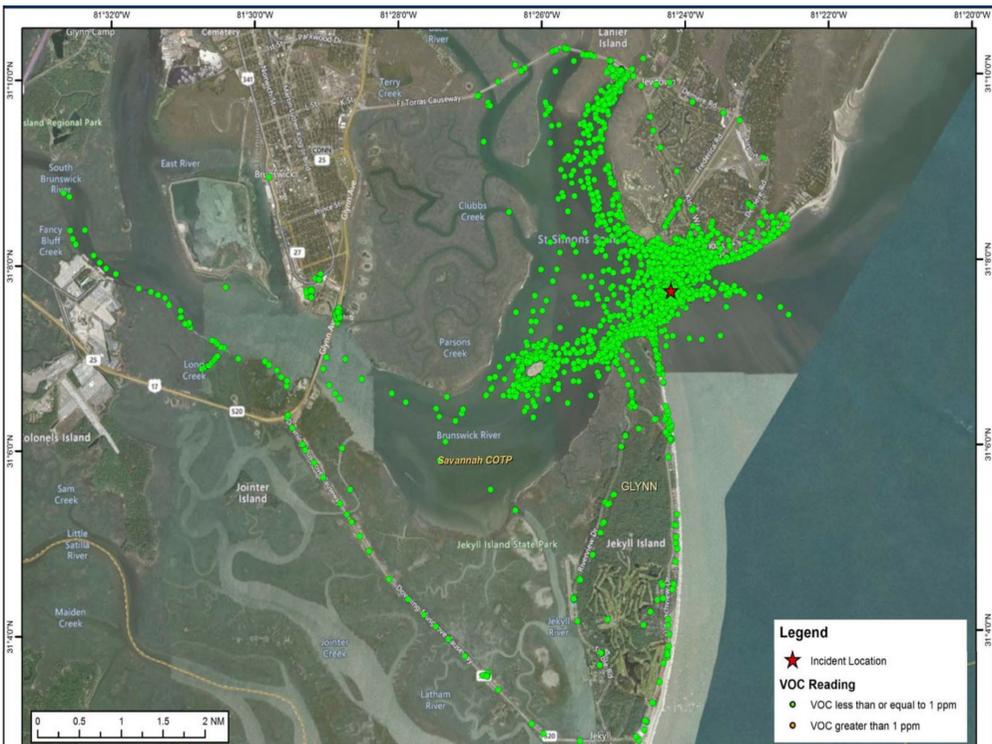


AIR MONITORING

Air monitoring is performed at the request of the Unified Command in response to the potential release of hazardous vapors associated with petroleum, paint products, and combustion byproducts onboard the vessel.

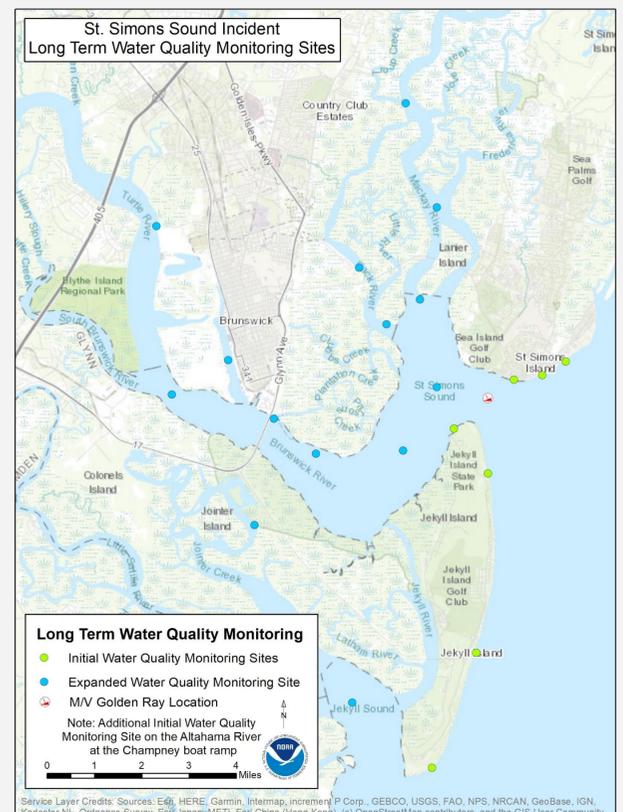
Air monitoring equipment was set up to identify atmospheric hazards for spill responders and the public. As of Oct. 28, over 7,000 data points for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), CO, H₂S, HCN, NO₂ and SO₂ have been collected around the local area. (See adjacent map). **None of the tested areas have exceeded safe levels for the listed compounds.**



WATER SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

A long-term water quality plan was developed to continue monitoring areas around St. Simon's Sound.

Water sampling initially focused on 8 different locations around Jekyll Island and St. Simons Island. Since Sept. 19, each location has been sampled twice per week and analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), petroleum aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and select metals. **No contaminants related to the motor vessel Golden Ray have been identified in samples collected.** Starting Oct. 8, surface water samples were collected weekly from 14 additional locations. (See adjacent map)



General public safety guidelines:

- If oil is present in the water and along the beach, avoid wading, swimming or entering the water.
- Avoid contact with oil and oily materials in the water and along the beach.
- Avoid contact with oil impacted wildlife.
- If oil contacts your skin, wash the area with warm soap and water, baby oil, or a widely used, safe cleaning compound such as the cleaning paste sold at auto parts stores.
- Oil can be removed with baby wipes until soap and water are available.
- If oil gets into your eyes, flush with clean water for at least 5 minutes and get medical attention if irritation persists.
- Avoid using solvents, gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, or similar products on the skin to remove oil. These products, when applied to skin, present a greater health hazard than the weathered oil itself.

For public health questions regarding the Golden Ray incident, please contact the Department of Health's information line at [1-844-863-0325](tel:1-844-863-0325).

Visit this page for public health updates related to the capsizing of the cargo ship Golden Ray in the St. Simons Sound on September 8, 2019.

Stay Alert when Swimming/Fishing

The Coastal Health District is alerting swimmers and recreational fishers that oil may be present on area beaches. Beaches are not closed but beachgoers should stay alert. Swim and fish with caution and avoid contact with oil or oily products on the beach. The public is reminded that the water conditions could change quickly while the cargo carrier remains in the channel. If you see a sheen of oil on the surface of the water, do not swim or fish.

For the full advisory and future updates please go to gachd.org/ssireponse