

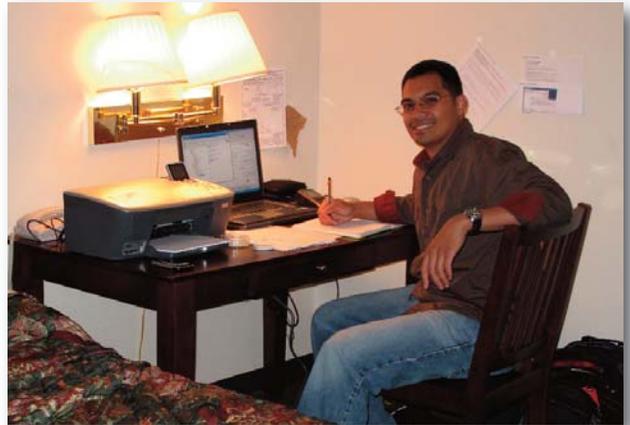
Meet the People of NOAA's Spill Response Team

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In assisting with the Gulf Coast oil spill response, Michael Greer is doing "whatever it takes to get the job done!" His specific focus is information management and GIS analysis for overflights.

Greer is processing overflight photos and data with GIS software to produce updated trajectory maps that visually track the movement of the spill. He also helps manage the intense data flow generated by this response, and supports planning and operations by preparing and presenting information as GIS maps and large format displays.



One of the more important components of his assignment involves uploading data to ERMA®, a Web-based GIS tool that provides fast visualization of the latest information, integrates and synthesizes various types of response information on a single map interface, and provides timely information to improve communication, decision-making and coordination among responders and stakeholders.

As is sometimes necessary at large spill events, Greer is working remotely from a small motel room in Venice, La. He comes to OR&R through a GSA contract with the information management and consulting firm, Genwest Systems.