

Day 76: September 30, 2010

Well, we made it in! Arrived about 4 pm. We are at a ramshackle dock in the middle of nowhere (literally docked at a vacant lot). But, it was the only location around as the waters around Louisiana are generally not very deep and all of the deep-water docks are filled with oil industry boats that are idle waiting out the drilling moratorium. The mechanics arrive tomorrow and so we expect to be fixed then. But, the problem is weather. Six to eight foot seas forecast for Saturday and worsening midweek. We may be stuck here for a few days. I am in the process of seeking visits with Tulane, LSU and a lab on Grand Isle.

Speaking of Grand Isle, you may remember it from the news. It was where much of the oil reporting came from. Sandy and I visited here in May coincidentally the same time Obama did. When we came the beaches were closed though there were places one could access them. There was oil tar balls all over the beaches and only an oil boom stood between you and the water. Now there is a fence to keep you off of the beach and giant pyramids of sand, presumably containing oil. I have attached pictures of then and now. Tomorrow, we will try to go out on the pier where we saw oil in the water and see what we can see.

John

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