# CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

A Leadership Imperative

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#### Role of Communications in a Disaster

- Limit damage and operational impact by coordinating before the disaster.
- Convey realistic assessment of damage after a storm.
- Dispel rumors and spread facts.
- Set recovery goals and report on progress-- every day.



### Perception vs. Reality

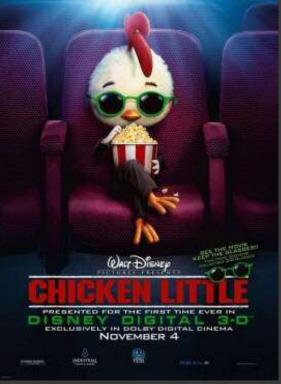


## Walking the Tightrope



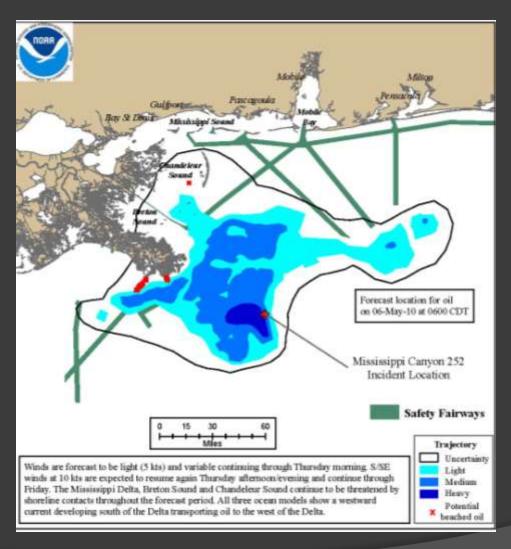
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#### The Sky is Falling

#### Facts Lead to Informed Decisions





### **Rumor Patrol**



#### Physical Barriers to Communications



### The Media: Friend or Foe?



#### Set Goals & Report Progress



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