

Reno firm helping clean oil covered beaches

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BeachTech, a Reno firm that sells beach cleaning machines, has been helping the city of Gulf Shores, Ala., remove tar balls from its coastline and recently sold 10 of the machines to BP, its sales manager said today.

Scott Merrill, BeachTech's sales manager, said officials for BP, the British company that owned the Deepwater Horizon rig that exploded in April and touched off the worst oil spill in U.S. history, came down last weekend to see how effective the machines are.

"Last week, some BP honchos came down to see what we were doing and we got an order for 10 machines that night," Merrill said.

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