Conditions Report
There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom of Karenia brevis (Texas red tide) at the coast in Texas. No impacts are expected alongshore Texas today through Sunday, May 20. There is currently a bloom of the algae Aureoumbra lagunensis in the upper Laguna Madre region. This algae does not produce respiratory impacts associated with the Texas red tide caused by Karenia brevis, but it may cause discolored water.

Analysis
There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom of Karenia brevis at the coast in Texas. Recent MODIS imagery (5/13, shown left) is partially obscured by clouds along- and offshore the Texas coastline from Sabine Pass to the Aransas Pass region. Patches of elevated chlorophyll (2 to <10 µg/L) are visible stretching alongshore from the Galveston region to the Padre Island region. Elevated chlorophyll is not indicative of the presence of K. brevis and is most likely due to the resuspension of benthic chlorophyll and sediments along the coast. Forecast models based on predicted near-surface currents indicate a potential maximum transport of 20 km south from the Port Aransas region from May 13-17.

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Wind conditions from Port Aransas-Coast, TX

Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

Wind Analysis
**Port Aransas**: North winds (5-10 kn, 3-5 m/s) today becoming east to northeast winds (5-10 kn) this afternoon. North winds (5-10 kn) Wednesday. Southeast to east winds (5-15 kn, 3-8 m/s) Wednesday night through Friday night.
Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for May 15, 2012 06Z with cell concentration sampling data from May 4 to 9 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide: http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).