

Interesting facts

- The oil rig explosion claimed the lives of 11 **workers** on April 20 2010.
- More than **200 million gallons (= 757.08 litres) of oil** were released into the Gulf waters for 87 days before the well-head could be capped off.
- Since the accident, BP has invested more than **70 million personnel hours** and has spent more than **\$14 billion** on “response and cleanup activities.”
- BP said it as cleaned up more than **14,000 miles (= 22,530 km)** of shoreline.
- Also, the company excavated more than **40,000 holes and pits** in seven barrier islands in Louisiana and found oil below ground level.

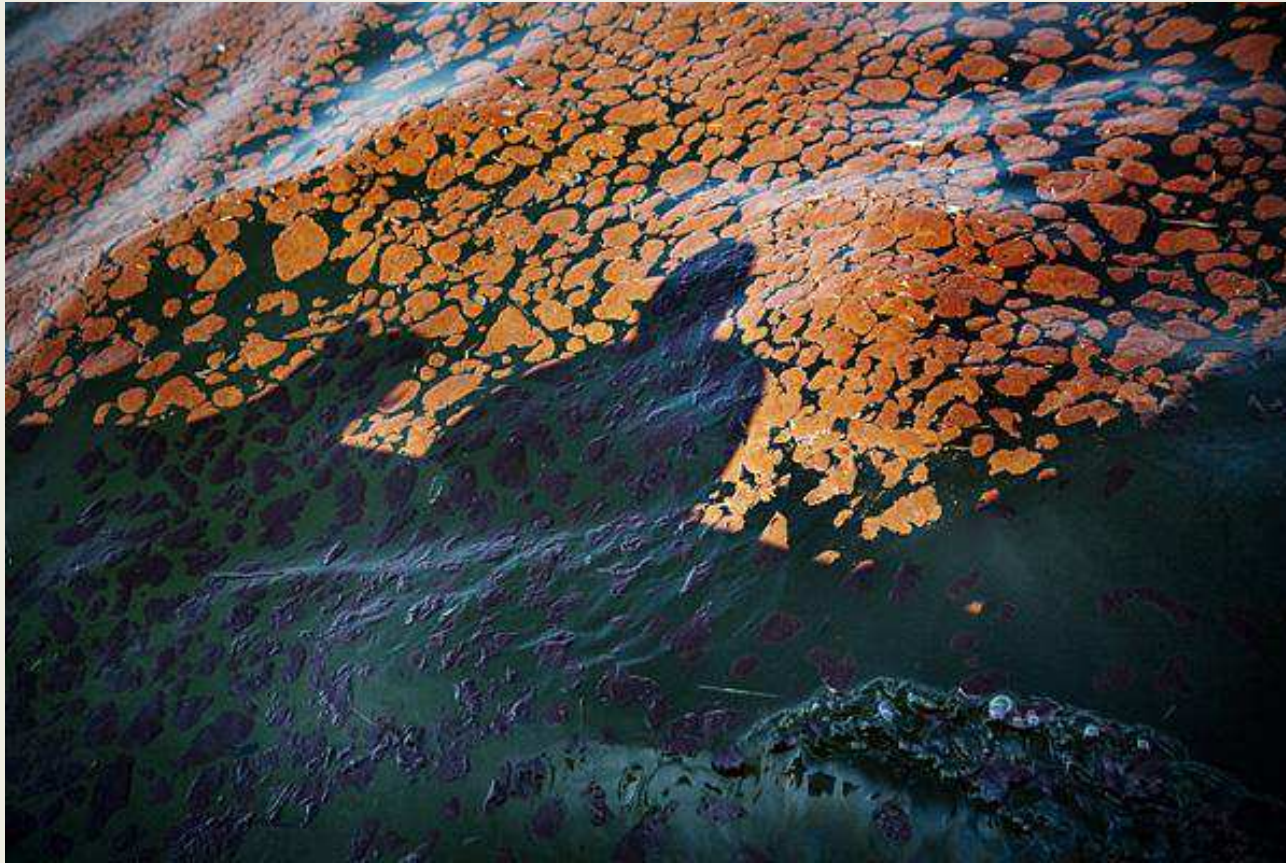
1 gallon = 3.78 litres

1 mile = 1.609 km

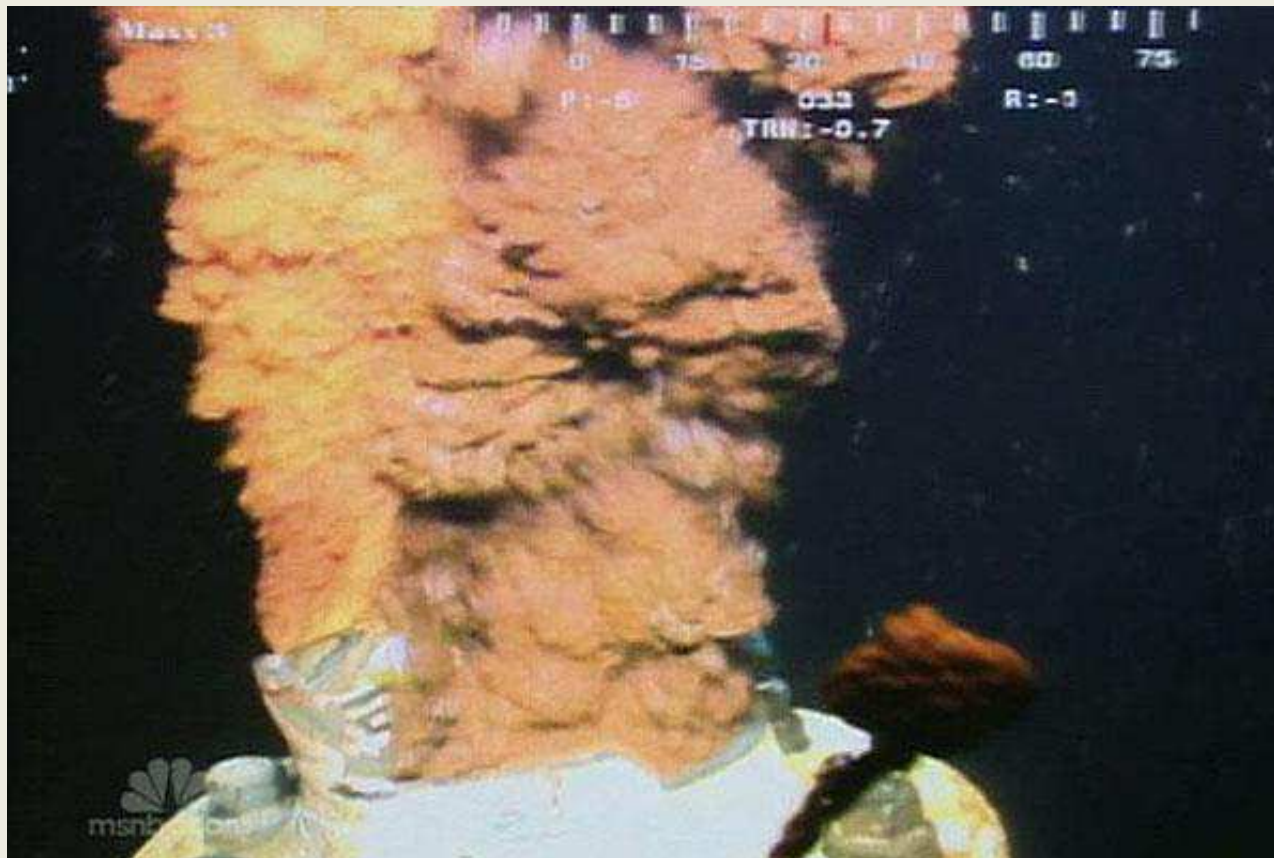


**17 WAYS TO CLEAN UP
THE GULF OIL SPILL**

Surface dispersants



Underwater dispersants



Controlled burns



Booms and skimmers



Sorbent materials



Marsh clean-up techniques



Manual/mechanical clean-up



Natural recovery



Water-oil separating devices



Gelling agents



Biological agents



Hay



Oil spill hair mats



Oil-eating mushrooms



Pine shavings



Bees wax



The nuclear option

