

Looming Environmental Catastrophe: Gulf Oil Being Pulled Into Loop Current

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The oil is now being pulled into the loop current.

As AP [notes](#):

On Sunday, researchers said computer models show oil has already entered the loop current that could carry the toxic goo toward the Keys, the third-longest barrier reef in the world.

This is shown in the following image from the University of Wisconsin and NASA:

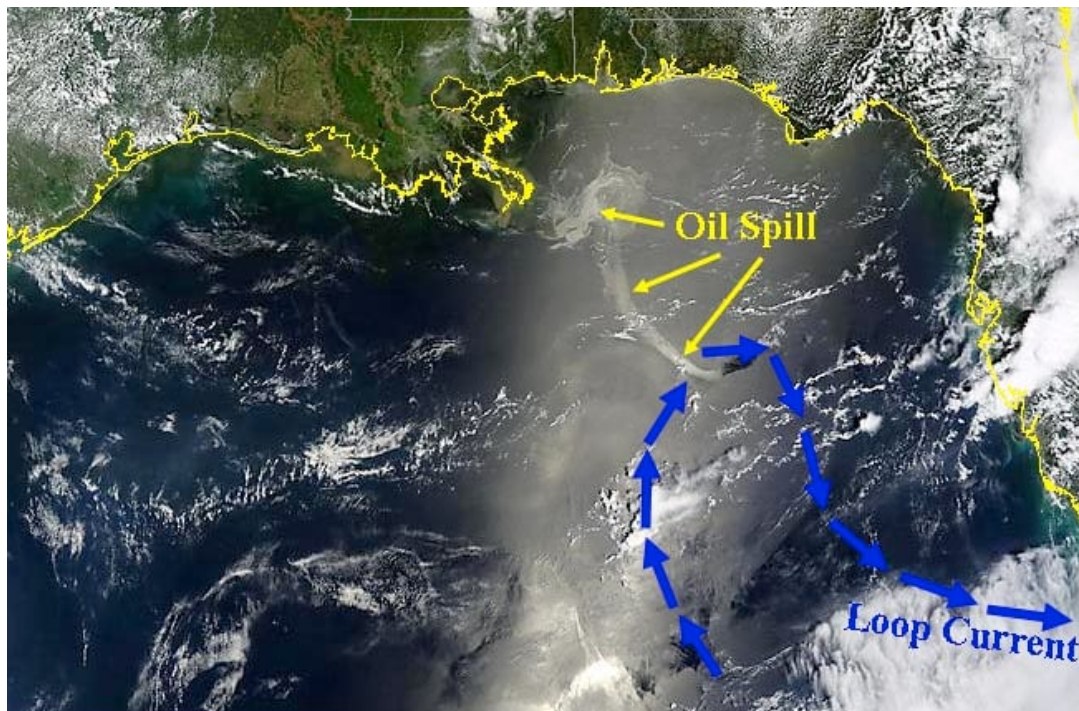
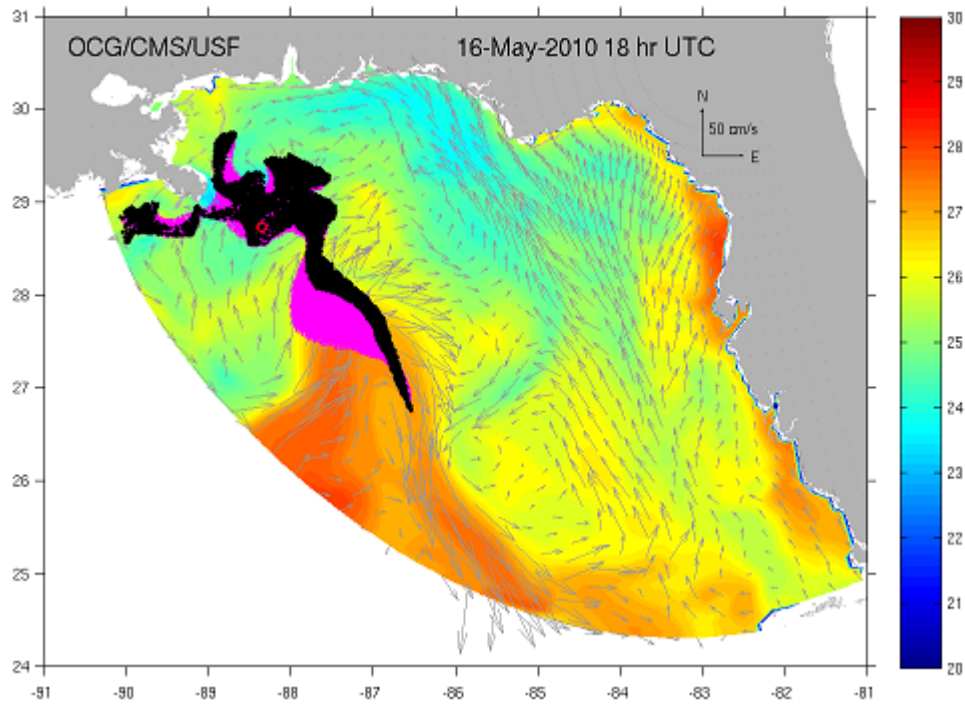
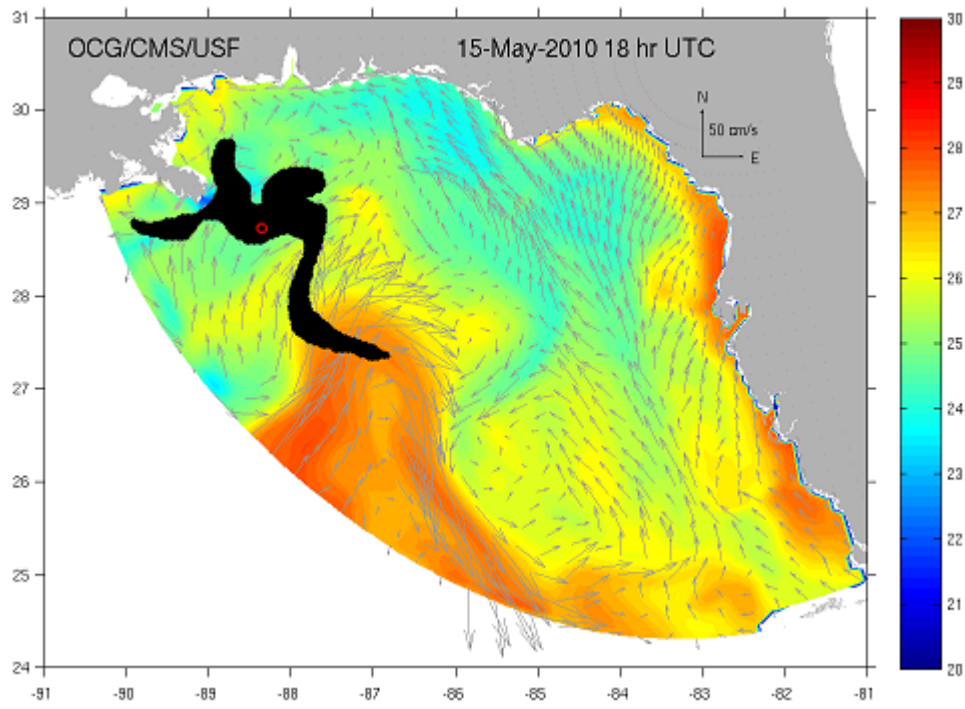
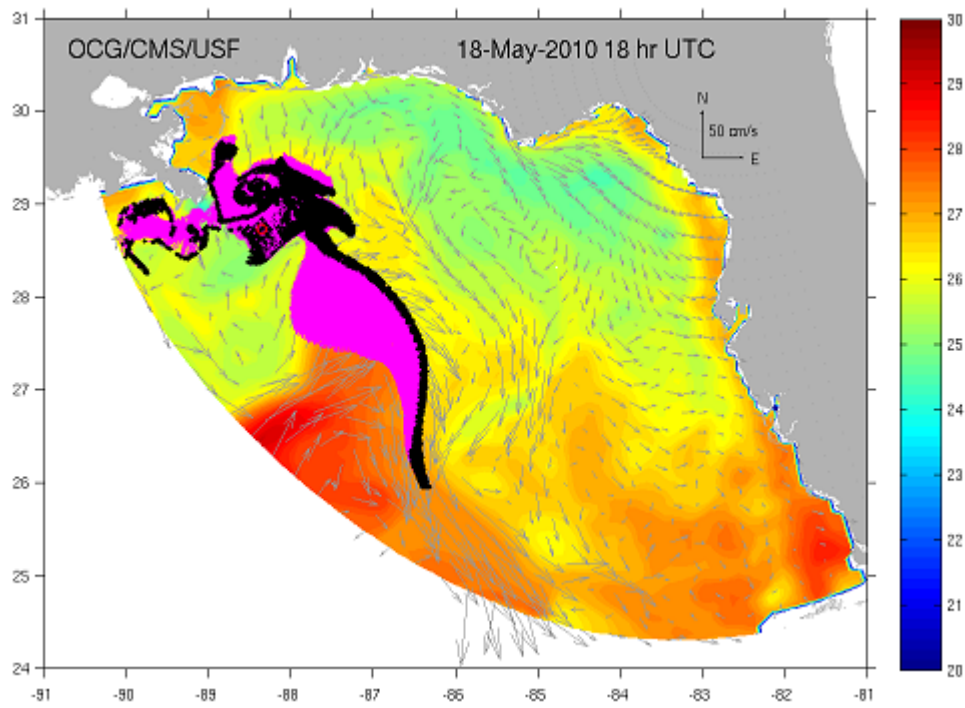
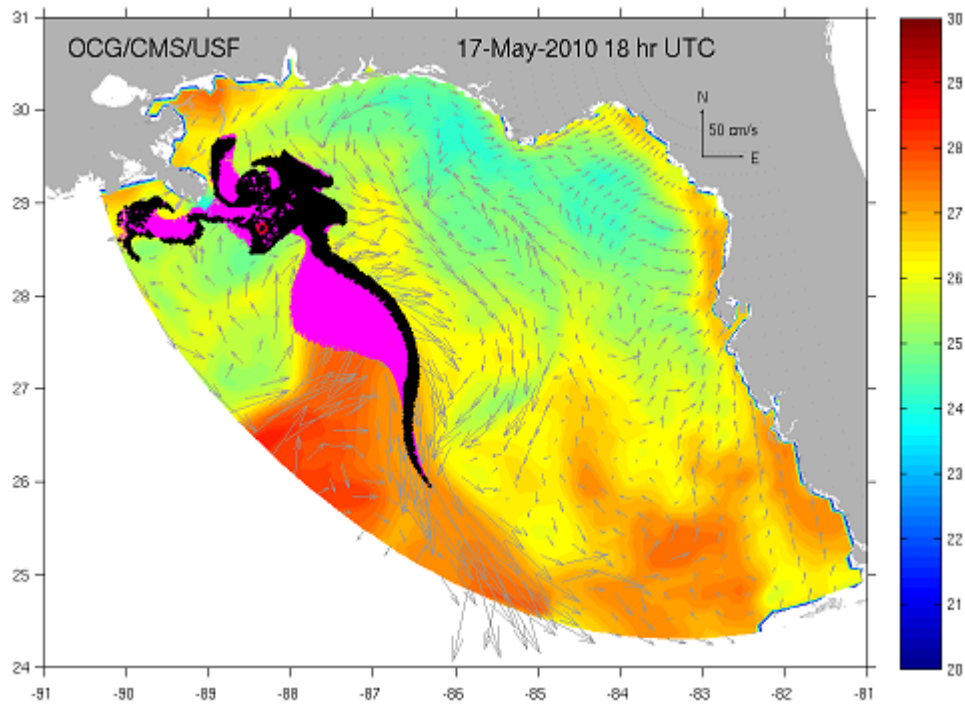
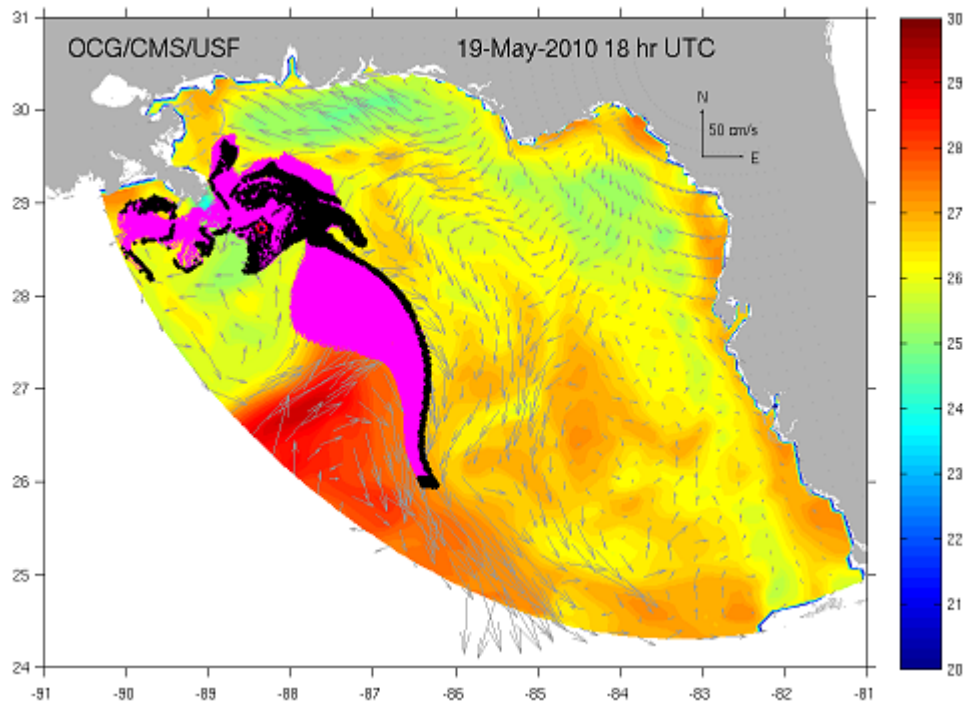


Figure 1. Satellite image of the oil spill taken at 12:40 EDT Monday May 17, 2010. The location of the Loop Current is superimposed. Image credit: [University of Wisconsin](#) and NASA

University of Florida's [Ocean Circulation Group](#) provides the following [projections](#):







For background on the loop current and the oil spill, see [this](#).

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