

Media Coverup: Gulf Oil Spill: Mission Accomplished or Ongoing Crisis?

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The corporate media has almost entirely stopped covering the Gulf oil spill.

Many have tried to say that the effects of the spill are not nearly as bad as feared, and that everything is pretty much cleaned up and back to normal.

But today, it is widely being reported that there are currently <u>massive stretches</u> of weathered oil spotted in the Gulf of Mexico.

And websites like Florida Oil Spill Law (FOSL) have tirelessly been reporting on the Gulf oil spill this whole time.

To give an example of the ongoing crisis in the Gulf, here's a roundup of some of the top stories from FOSL from the past 3 days:

- Toxicologist now dealing with at least three autopsies in Gulf "People who's esophaguses are dissolving"
- Healthy teenager, 16, hospitalized after swimming in Gulf on AUGUST 30 —
 "Compromised lung" & "enlarged heart"
- Boat captain mentioned on NPR: "Internal bleeding Very, very sick"
- Toxicologist: 4 to 5 MILLION people on Gulf Coast exposed to dangerous levels of oil — Going to have incredible health effect
- "We're starving" "There are no fish in the waters... and any fish we would see, we would not eat"
- Reporter STEPS onto beach, is then forced by private security to be "decontaminated" — "Yes" it's about dispersants
- Boat captain "bleeding from her vagina" "I'm bleeding from my anus, too...
 This thing is killing me"
- Oct. 19: "A seemingly unrelenting tide of oil" surprises pilot with "countless" flights over Gulf in last 6 months

- Report: Homeland Security agents want organizer to "shut up" Told by BP to "back off"
- Captain: Mullet observed eating "dispersant as it gathered along the tide line"
- Massive SHELF of tar exposed on beach in Pensacola
- Not just the coast to be affected: "It is going to keep going further and further in"
- "Still so much oil and dispersant in the environment" says Gulf Restoration
 Network executive director
- "ALL" oyster beds are "dead or dying" says top oysterman "Very pessimistic"
- Local Official: "The oil is not evaporating it's not dissipating, it's sitting there"
- Florida woman: Oil found in batch of oysters while eating
- Scientists: Acceptable levels of toxic PAH in the Gulf raised simply for the BP disaster
- BP admits oil buried "30 inches under ground"

In related news, the government – always eager to immediately get to the bottom of what is really going on and then to <u>fully publicize the results</u> – has sent crucial Gulf samples to be analyzed in a lab . . . in <u>Poland</u> (all of the American labs are apparently busy testing the toxicity of hinky mortgages, mortgage backed securities, CDOs and naked CDSs). And the result will be shipped back by slow boat: NOAA isn't expecting results back until the end of the year.

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