

VIDEO: Hiding the Truth: White House Allowed BP to Keep Video of Gushing Pipe from Public for Three Weeks

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The White House allowed BP to hide its video feed of a gushing oil pipe in the Gulf of Mexico from the public for three weeks, all the while that same video played live in the White House Situation Room, <u>ABC reports</u>.

This startling revelation comes just as Obama prepares to <u>get really angry</u> in public about the spill – just in time to cover up his administration's collusion with BP to hide the true extent of the massive disaster in the Gulf.

Brian Ross and John Soloman of the Center for Public Integrity discussed ABC's <u>quest</u> to obtain the video of the oil pipe and revealed that the White House consented to the release of a 30 second clip of the pipe.

"At the end of the day, the White House finally acquiesced to the 30 second piece because they understood the political and media pressure," <u>said</u> CPI's John Soloman. "Why not sooner? It's been going on for three weeks. People have seen this internally within government almost every day. Why can't the American people see it?"

The release of even the 30 second video clip showing the oil spewing uninhibited into the ocean immediately led outside observers to conclude the disaster was far worse than the 210,000 gallon estimate of the NOAA and Coast Guard. One scientist predicted to NPR that the rate is more in the range of almost <u>3 million gallons a day</u> based on an analysis of the video released by BP.

The revelation that the White House and BP kept the true extent of the oil disaster from the public coincides nicely with last night's news that Obama plans to get "angry" in front of the White House press corps tomorrow about BP's role in the disaster and its clean up. Don't be fooled, though. The <u>evidence</u> is mounting that the White House is working in concert with industry to hide the truth about the extent and cause of the spill.

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