



HOW BIG IS THE SPILL?

Latest Statistics: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

840,000-1,680,000: Gallons of oil gushing from the BP oil well each day (before oil collection efforts began — ironically, oil collection efforts may actually have increased the flow rate, but official estimates have not yet been released to reflect this change).

[<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/627011//>; <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gG538zXsz50CRXPOKKHosmvgbtUA>]

750-1500: Number of average U.S. cars that could be fueled for an entire *year* by the oil released from the Deepwater Horizon each day (again, pre-collection estimates).

[<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/420f05004.htm#step3>; http://www.eia.doe.gov/ask/gasoline_faqs.asp]

664,000: Gallons of oil collected from the broken well pipe on June 9; this number has more than doubled since the collection device was first put in place a week ago, and continues to rise each day.

[<http://www.bp.com/extendedsectiongenericarticle.do?categoryId=40&contentId=7061813>]

1,158,000: Gallons of toxic dispersants used at and under the sea's surface to break up the spilled oil, as of June 9. [<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/625331/>]

22: Number of eighteen-wheelers that this volume of dispersants could fill.

15 x 2 x 0.1: Minimum dimensions (in miles) of just one of the oil clouds under the sea surface.

[<http://gulfblog.uga.edu/2010/06/hidden-and-see/>]

590: Number of oiled birds collected along the Gulf Coast since the BP oil spill began, as of June 10.

[http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/posted/2931/FWNnumbers_Web_10June_final.625795.pdf]

32: Percent of federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico closed to recreational and commercial fishing because of the spill, as of June 10.

[<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/ClosureSizeandPercentCoverage.htm>; http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/deepwater_horizon_oil_spill.htm]

24,000: Number of personnel working to contain and clean up the BP oil spill, as of June 9.

[<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/625331/>]

17,500: Number of National Guard troops authorized to participate in the response to the spill, as of June 9. [<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/624543/>]

\$1,430,000,000: Amount BP has spent so far on oil spill response and damage claims from Gulf Coast residents, as of June 10.

[<http://www.bp.com//genericarticle.do?categoryId=2012968&contentId=7062828>]

21: Number of days it takes for BP to make \$1,430,000,000 in profits.

[<http://www.bp.com/extendedgenericarticle.do?categoryId=2012968&contentId=7061409>]



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