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Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill





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Dear Friend,

Right now our coastal ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico are in grave danger from the catastrophic BP Deepwater Horizon explosion and ongoing oil spill. One of our nation's most productive fisheries is in peril and critical wetlands for hurricane protection are at risk, with wildlife and human health in jeopardy.

Please <u>support the work</u> of our sister organizations in the <u>Waterkeeper Alliance</u>, who are the first line of defense against this ongoing disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. They urgently need our support because experts project this spill will eclipse the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska both in terms of magnitude and impact.

Oil has already come ashore in the sensitive marshes and barrier islands of Louisiana, with landfall along the coast of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida expected this weekend. Offshore drilling is dirty, dangerous business, and our Gulf Waterkeepers <u>need your help</u> to recover from this disaster.

San Diego Coastkeeper will match the first \$500 in donations to the Gulf Waterkeepers from our members, staff and board. To participate, please email an electronic copy of your donation receipt to San Diego Coastkeeper.

Thank you for your help,

Bruce Reznik San Diego Coastkeeper Executive Director

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San Diego's **Action List**

Step #1

Make \$20 into \$40

Donate now to our Waterkeeper Alliance friends on the frontlines of the Gulf oil spill, and we'll match the first \$500. Email your electronic receipt to us so we can match it.

Step #2

Speak up

Offshore drilling is a dirty and dangerous business. Call and write your local officials today asking them to support renewable energy sources.

Step #3

Decrease your dependence

The best way to stop the need for offshore drilling is to decrease our need for oil. Try one of these 20 ways to lessen your dependence on oil.

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