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3.06 BP Oil Spill

**Directions: Read** [**Ocean Portal: Gulf Oil Spill**](http://ocean.si.edu/gulf-oil-spill) **to learn about the BP oil spill that occurred in 2010. Answer the following questions about the spill and its effects on the ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico.**

1. How many gallons of oil were released into the Gulf of Mexico during the BP oil spill of 2010?
2. What caused the oil leak to occur?
3. What were some physical methods used to clean up the oil?
4. What were some chemical and biological methods used to clean up the oil?
5. Explain some effects that were noticed immediately in the aquatic ecosystems along the Gulf of Mexico.