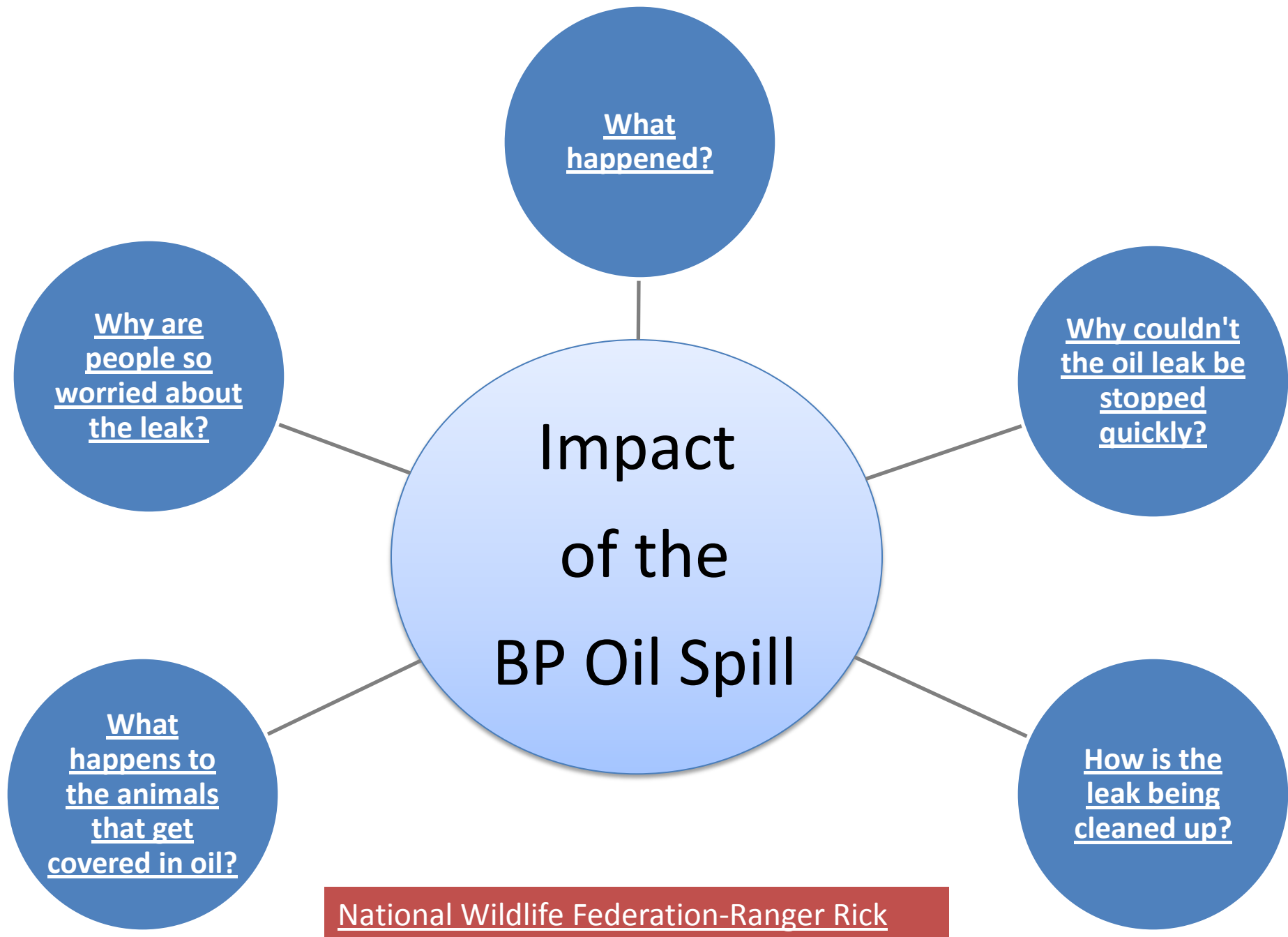


The BP Oil Spill In The Gulf of Mexico April 20, 2010



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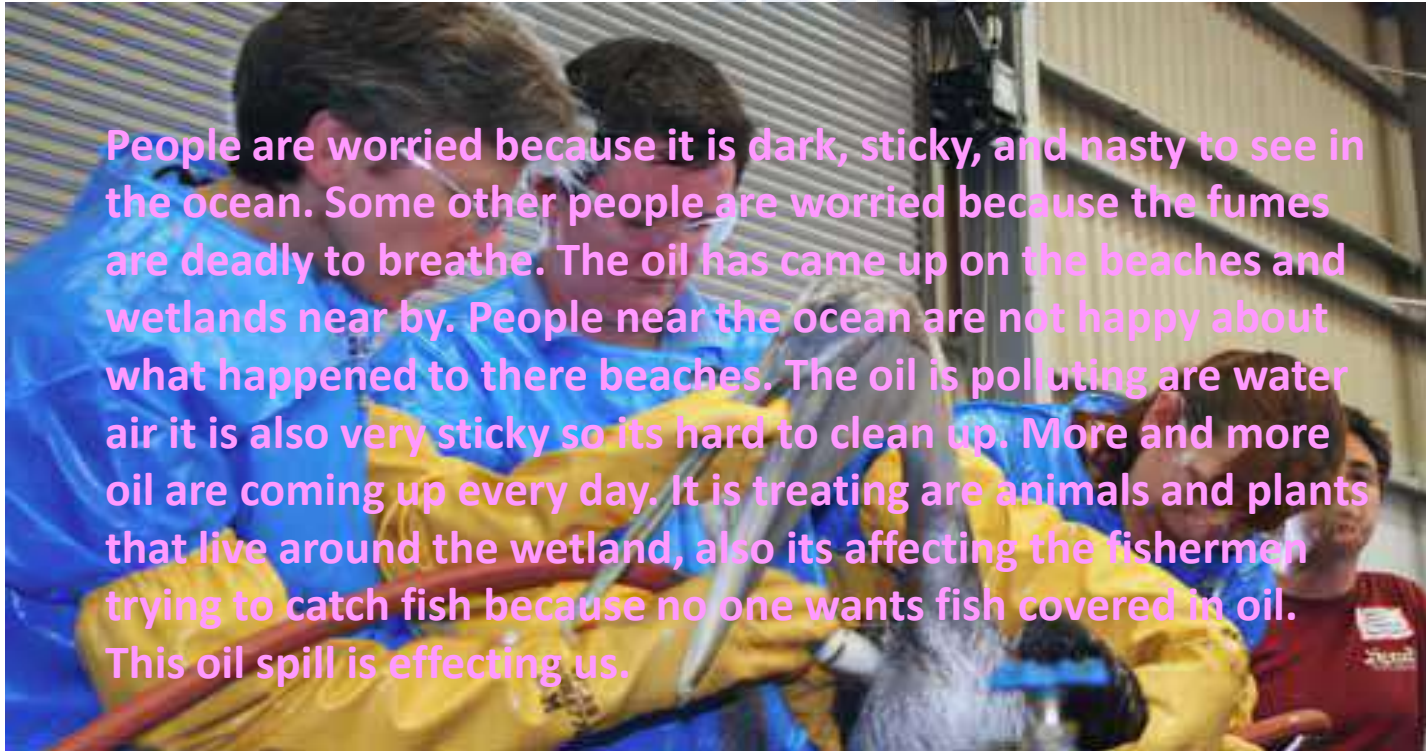
What happened?

Clean up crew have been working for a long time and still have a ton of oil to go. Then they made wells so the oil would stay in it and then they name out because of the gas and the oil went to the surface now the beaches are covered with oil. The oil that was escaping was dark, thick, and sticky, it also smelt bad. I can't image what the people on the beach feel like . The birds are getting effected .

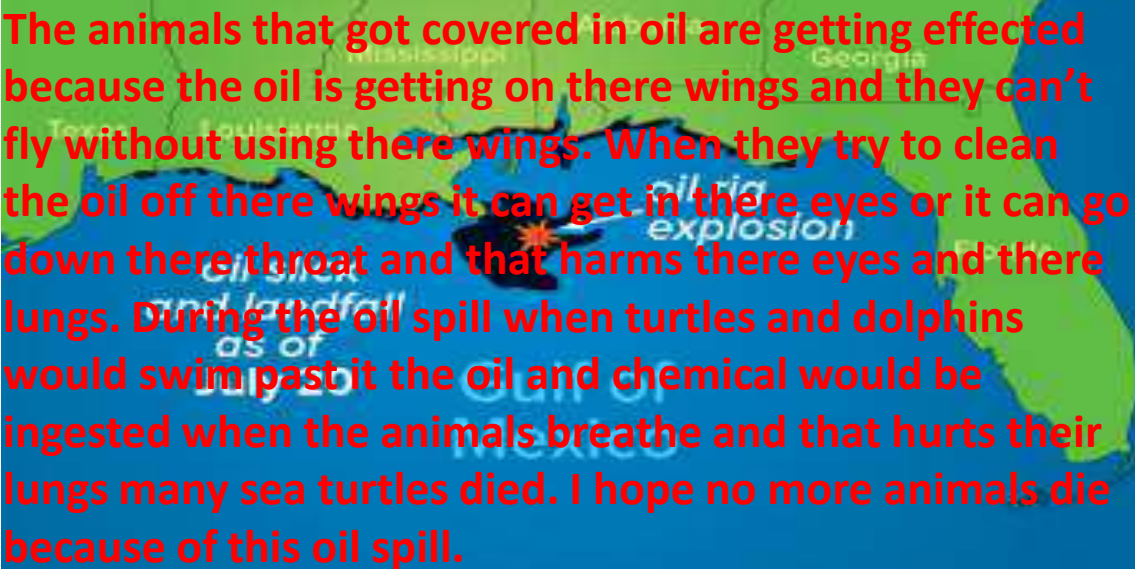


WHY ARE PEOPLE SO WORRIED ABOUT THE OIL SPILL?

People are worried because it is dark, sticky, and nasty to see in the ocean. Some other people are worried because the fumes are deadly to breathe. The oil has come up on the beaches and wetlands near by. People near the ocean are not happy about what happened to there beaches. The oil is polluting are water air it is also very sticky so its hard to clean up. More and more oil are coming up every day. It is treating are animals and plants that live around the wetland, also its affecting the fishermen trying to catch fish because no one wants fish covered in oil. This oil spill is effecting us.



What happens to the animals that get covered in oil?

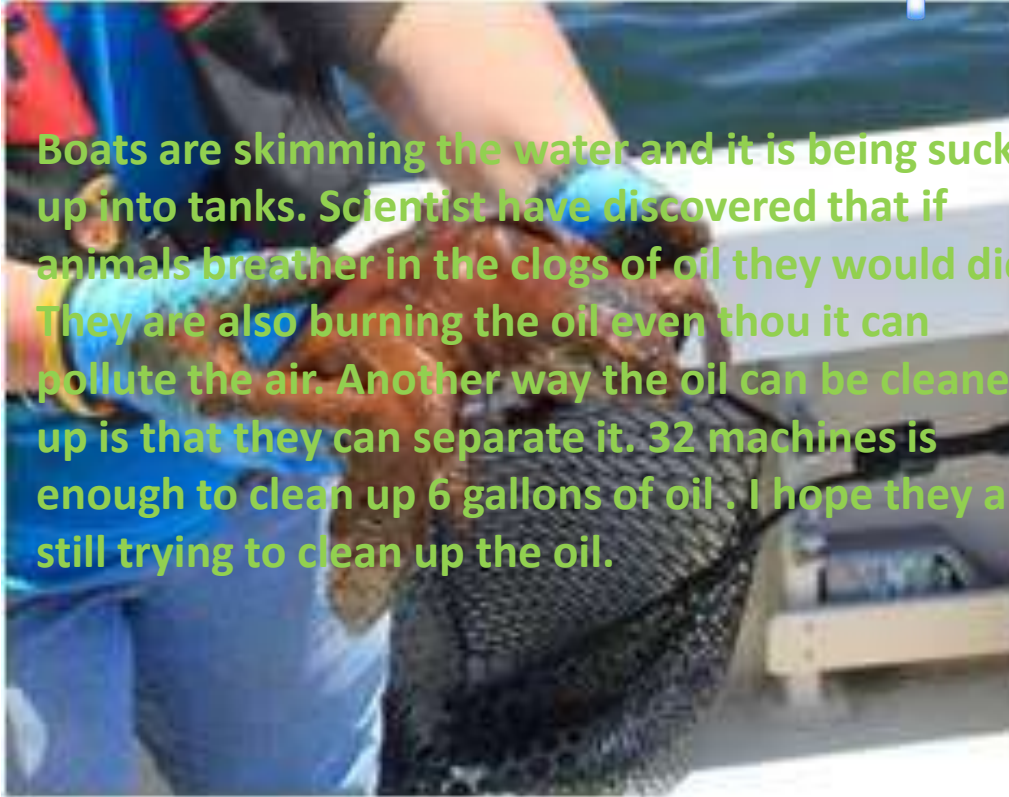


The animals that got covered in oil are getting effected because the oil is getting on there wings and they can't fly without using there wings. When they try to clean the oil off there wings it can get in there eyes or it can go down there throat and that harms there eyes and there lungs. During the oil spill when turtles and dolphins would swim past it the oil and chemical would be ingested when the animals breathe and that hurts their lungs many sea turtles died. I hope no more animals die because of this oil spill.

The background image is a map of the Gulf of Mexico. It shows the coastline of the United States (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida) and Mexico. A red starburst icon labeled 'oil rig explosion' is located in the Gulf of Mexico, near the coast of Mexico. Text on the map includes 'Oil spill and landfall as of July 20' and 'Gulf of Mexico'.

How is the oil being cleaned up

Boats are skimming the water and it is being sucked up into tanks. Scientist have discovered that if animals breather in the clogs of oil they would die. They are also burning the oil even thou it can pollute the air. Another way the oil can be cleaned up is that they can separate it. 32 machines is enough to clean up 6 gallons of oil . I hope they are still trying to clean up the oil.



Why couldn't the oil spill be stopped

They tried to use robots to fix it but that idea didn't work. Then they tried to cap the oil but it leaked into the sea anyway. The BP works have put a pipe where the broken part should have gone but that didn't work either. Finally they put a dome over it and it capped the oil spill not for long. It stayed pretty good for a while now you tell me facts about the oil spill.

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Do you have an opinion?

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