

## BP Drilling Disaster Talking Points

### Clean Up BP's Oil Drilling Disaster

The Gulf's marine and coastal environment must be restored, and BP must be held accountable for their destruction.

- *BP Writes the Check, But Doesn't Call the Shots*  
BP has failed to respond at the scale of the crisis. The federal government must step in and immediately mobilize more of its own resources and take full charge of all clean-up efforts, while BP foots the bill.



- *The Long Haul*  
Our federal government and BP must remain engaged for the long haul to ensure spill-related environmental and health impacts are minimized.
- *Honesty and Transparency*  
The people of the Gulf deserve to know what's polluting their air and water. BP has failed to provide honest and fully transparent assessments of this disaster. The Federal Government must take the lead in data collection and pollution monitoring. Third parties like the Gulf Restoration Network must be allowed to monitor the situation and conduct independent testing.
- *Save Our Wetlands*  
The oil industry has a long history of impacting the Gulf coast, and 40 to 60% of Louisiana's wetlands loss can be attributed to oil and gas activity. Along with holding BP accountable for the destruction from this disaster, we must make oil companies pay their fair share for coastal restoration.



## Make Coastal Communities Whole

Fishing communities of the Gulf must have the resources needed to be able to effectively fight for their future.

- *Community Impacts*

BP's oil drilling disaster has closed large portions of the Gulf fishing grounds, and threatens the Gulf economy and unique cultures. This catastrophe could potentially devastate a whole way of life that thrives in the Gulf's coastal communities. Five years after Katrina, these communities need assistance to rebuild from yet another unbelievable disaster.

## Never Again

The nation must act to pass regulations and policies so that no coastal area will ever experience a calamity like BP's oil drilling disaster in the future.

- *Effective Oversight*

There must be effective federal enforcement of regulations for the oil industry that prevents accidents like this in the future and ensures an effective plan B when they do occur.

- *Stop the Expansion of Oil Drilling*

While making existing drilling safer, the nation must not allow expanded oil drilling in the eastern Gulf and off other coasts.

- *A Clean Energy Future*

The nation and world must shift to the use of clean and renewable energy to avoid disasters like this and the impacts of climate change.

