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North America faces years of toxic oil rain from BP oil spill chemical dispersants

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North America will be facing years of toxic rain becuase of the poisonous chemical dispersants BP is using to control the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

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When you pour more than a million gallons of toxic chemical dispersants on top of an oil spill, it doesn't just disappear. In this case, it moves to the atmosphere, where it will travel hundreds, if not thousands of miles from the site of the BP oil spill, in the form of toxic rain.

BP's oil spill-fighting dispersant of choice is Corexit 9500. It has been banned in Europe for good reason. Corexit 9500 is one of the most environmentally enduring, toxic chemical dispersants ever created to battle an oil spill. Add to that the millions of gallons of oil that have been burned, releasing even more toxins into the atmosphere, and you have a recipe for something much worse than acid rain.

Oil in the environment is toxic at 11 PPM (parts per million). <u>Corexit 9500 is toxic</u> at only 2.61 PPM. But Corexit 9500 has another precarious characteristic; it's reaction to warm water.

As the water in the Gulf of Mexico heats up, Corexit 9500 goes through a molecular transition. It changes from a liquid to a gas, which is readily absorbed by clouds and released as toxic rain. The chemical-laden rain then falls on crops, reservoirs, animals and of course, people.

What makes 'Corexit rain' so frightening are the carcinogens it will leave behind on everything is touches. Acid rain will be considered genial after it is inevitably replaced by the far more virulent 'Corexit rain.'

It is futile to believe that we can keep 'Corexit rain' from occurring - it has <u>already been</u> <u>released</u> and the molecular transformation has begun. We have set off an unprecedented chain of events in nature that we cannot control.

By releasing Pandora's well from the depths and allowing it bleed into the sea at <u>a rate of 2.5</u> million gallons of oil a day, the unimaginable becomes material.

Yet unlike a bad dream, we will not wake up from this nightmare and find it gone. The BP Gulf of Mexico oil spill will be touching millions of earth's life forms for uncountable years.

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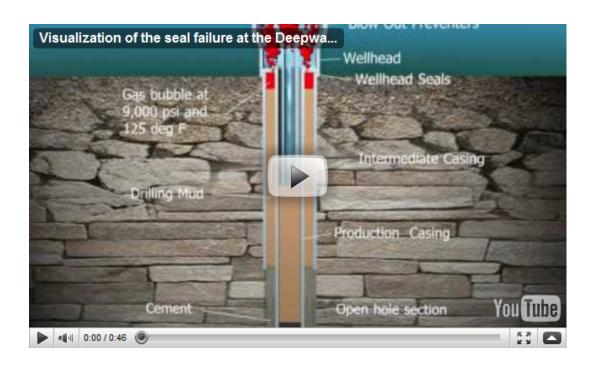
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY 1,470,000 GAL/DAY
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