



The Realities of Offshore Drilling

The Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, By the Numbers

ZERO

The number of “significant oil spills” caused by the hurricanes, according to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne while discussing the overturn of the federal ban on offshore drilling¹



An offshore oil platform

183

The number of oil platforms affected by the hurricanes, including 113 that were completely destroyed, 53 that were significantly damaged, and 19 that were set adrift, devastating the offshore oil industry²



A seabird, covered in oil from a spill

8,000,000

Gallons of oil spilled onshore because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, according to the U.S. Coast Guard³



An oil-coated fox. Foxes and other animals are under extra danger when they eat carcasses of ducks and other animals that are contaminated.

743,000

The amount, in gallons, of petroleum products spilled offshore from the 124 separate spills from the hurricanes, including raw and refined oil that leaked into the Gulf of Mexico and fragile wetlands⁴

595

The total number of individual spills of oil and toxic chemicals resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita⁵

457

The number of damaged pipelines caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including 101 large-diameter pipelines of 10" or greater diameter⁶



Contaminated ice and water after a spill in the Aleutian Islands

Offshore drilling is dirty, dangerous, and leads to spills of oil and toxins. Keep our beaches safe. Say NO to lifting the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) moratorium.

¹ Fox Business Video, 6/19/2008 "Expanding Oil Production"

² Minerals Management Service News Release, <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/whatsnew/newsreal/2006/060119.pdf>

³ Department of Homeland Security, http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/programs/gc_1157649340100.shtm

⁴ Minerals Management Service Technical Report, 1/22/2007, http://www.mms.gov/tarprojects/581/44814183_MMS_Katrina_Rita_PL_Final%20Report%20Rev1.pdf

⁵ Houston Chronicle, <http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/nation/3457319.html>

⁶ Minerals Management Services, 5/1/2006, <http://www.mms.gov/ooc/press/2006/press0501.htm>

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