

## Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

On April 20, 2010, the largest offshore oil spill in the United States occurred, exacerbating the effects of previous natural disasters. Oil flowed unchecked for three months. The cause was an explosion of the Deepwater Horizon, an oil rig drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Before the well was capped, millions of barrels of crude oil were released, closing tens of thousands of square miles of federal waters to fishing, and causing extensive damage to marine and wildlife habitats, and tourism.

Beginning in FY 2016, any State of Texas agency or institution of higher education that receives, expends, or administers funds, appropriations, or donations related to the spill.

- 2) National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (<http://www.nfwf.org/gulf/Pages/home.aspx>)
- 3) Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI) (<http://gulfresearchinitiative.org/>)
- 4) Natural Resource Damage Assessment (Refer to <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/nrda.html>)
- 5) BP (British Petroleum America Production Co.)– Economic Damages (Refer to <http://www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com/Economic/SummaryNotice.aspx>)
- 6) MOEX Offshore 2007 LLC (Refer to <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/moex-offshore-agrees-90-million-partial-settlement-liability-deepwater-horizon-oil-spill>)
- 7) Foundations and nonprofits
- 8) State funds
- 9) Federal funds
- 10) Local funds (city, county)