

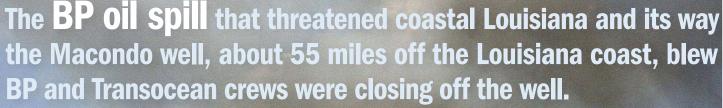
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## WHAT HAPPENED

The explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon happened on April 20, 2010.





Workers in protective suits comb the beach at Dauphin Island, Ala., on May 14, 2010.

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The safeguards on the well didn't work as they were intended, and oil from the well flowed into the Gulf of Mexico for 87 days. It took several more weeks to completely seal off the well. It was the largest oil spill in history, with the federal government estimating that 4.9 million barrels of oil spilled into the water.

Though skimmer ships, booms and oil dispersant was used, the oil still damaged and destroyed wetlands and wildlife habitat from

Florida to Texas. While hundreds of Louisiana residents were hired to help clean up the oil slicks in the water and on land, thousands more lost their water-dependent livelihood.



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ber of birds, shrimp, turtles, dolphin and fish died, but scientists believe the impact of the spill on fisheries and wildlife will not be fully understood for decades.

In 2016, BP agreed to a \$20 billion settlement after a judge found the company was "grossly negligent," in the incident. The company has said its costs for the accident will top \$53 billion. Louisiana is set to receive \$6.8 billion of the settlement, much of which will be used toward the state's coastal restoration efforts.

The Deepwater Horizon continues to smolder the day after the explosion, April 21, 2010.