

# Stop BP!

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**Global danger for mankind and the environment**

**The BP oil rig Deepwater Horizon exploded in April 2010, resulting in the biggest oil disaster in the history of mankind. Since then, the company has quietly disappeared from newspaper headlines. BP gives the impression that everything is back to normal and that all damages have been taken care of. However, the opposite is true: the disaster has moved on to the next round, confronting mankind and the environment with new hazards.**

When the all-clear was given after the disaster in 2010, 22-year-old Paul Doom was pleased as punch to be able to swim in the sea again. Perfectly healthy up until then, he is now seriously ill and confined to a wheel chair. Internal bleeding, dizziness, loss of memory, uncontrollable seizures. No doctor has been able to help him regain his health nor to ease his symptoms.

### **Illness and death follow the oil catastrophe**

And Paul is not the only one who has become ill. More and more residents of the Gulf of Mexico coastal areas suffer these kinds of symptoms. In particular a type of pneumonitis caused by chemicals occurs frequently. Independent laboratories have found toxic substances in the blood samples of the people afflicted.

The name COREXIT comes up again and again. BP deployed this dispersant on a grand scale in order to submerge the oil slick, taking it out of sight and thereby successfully banning critical coverage from the news broadcasts. At the same time, the company did not deem it necessary to reveal the fact that COREXIT is more toxic than crude oil. Nor that the solvent reduces the oil to drops that are so tiny that they cannot be recovered and that over time get into the food chain.

Those responsible at BP show continually that profit is more important to them than the safety of their plants.

### **ethecon Black Planet Award 2010**

In 2010 ethecon - Foundation Ethics & Economics censured those responsible at BP with the International ethecon Black Planet Award for their shocking contempt and violation of human ethics. Their actions lead to the ruin and destruction of our blue planet.

At the same time ethecon demands that those responsible for the BP oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico be appropriately penalised, that BP be held liable for all incurred damages and that deep-sea drilling be stopped immediately!

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The biggest marine oil disaster in the history of mankind

The price is paid first and foremost by the workers. Eleven of them were killed in the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig.

### **Workers are the first to pay the price**

In the meantime the official investigative report has shown that the cause of this disaster lies in BP's drive for profit and in its incompetent management. And there's a method behind it all: in 2005 fifteen people died and 180 were injured during an explosion in a BP refinery in Texas. Inadequate maintenance of facilities right through to deliberate violation of safety regulations led to deaths and injuries again and again.

The environment is polluted in equal measure by oil, toxic waste and chemicals. The plant and animal life in the Gulf of Mexico has been damaged for decades to come. Local fishermen have lost their means of livelihood.

None of those responsible have learned a lesson from the catastrophe. BP directors pocketed their bonuses for 2010 without a bit of shame.

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Protests against BP throughout the world

Furthermore, BP continues deep-sea drilling. As the first company since the oil disaster, it has even been granted a permit for further drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. BP also wants to begin the extraction of oil from tar sands on a large scale. Canadian First Nation communities and their homelands would be gravely threatened and damaged. In addition, three times as much CO2 is set free in this process as in conventional oil production.

### Protests accompanying BP AGM

Together with ethecon activists, victims and critics from the USA, Great Britain and Canada will confront BP shareholders in London with problems and demands. The life and health of BP workers and the people living near the BP plants must be protected as well as the environment. The corporation cannot

simply continue business as usual and distribute profits as if nothing happened! BP must answer for all known damages and for those still to follow!

### Stop BP!

Please join us in our censure of BP through your signature or your protest e-Mail to the board of directors of BP (easily done on our homepage [www.ethecon.org](http://www.ethecon.org)).

You may help us with a donation or by becoming a sustaining member or even an endowment contributor. The campaign „Stop BP!“ costs money and needs your support. Let us remember - the oil catastrophe is not over.

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