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## What are your ideas for how to stop the spill?

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As BP tries various methods to stop the oil disaster scientists, students and imaginative amateurs have suggested ways to stop or clean up the Gulf oil disaster in the days and weeks after the oil rig explosion that killed 11 workers and started the biggest environmental disaster in U.S. history.

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ken Bass

June 9th, 2010 11:29 am ET

Any firefighter can tell you, "Jaws" (Jaws of life) the Herst Tool, can crush that pipe like a straw. With the proper addition to that tool, they could crsh that pipe a foot or two below the tip then usd underwater welding tools to seal the small remaining slit and do it within hours of starting the job. same type tool used by loggers to pick up giant logs and loading them on to trucks. Dont believe this would work. stop by your local Fire department and ask for a demo of "Jaws".....

Tammy Christine

June 9th, 2010 11:35 am ET

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Stick a big ol staw in there, that thing you had on last nigh, do it! And at least two thousand tankers skimming 24/7 for the time being. That is a useable well, thats what bp wants, to resume.. Let em, we wont need oil much longer.. ae

Arnold Parker

June 9th, 2010 11:43 am ET

Anderson I worked on Nuclear Submarines for over 15 years at Ingalls Shipbuilding, and have read books on our sub. Navy, and their ability to work on deep water projects. Why hasn't someone contacted our people in the Navy, and see what they could do?

Why can't that flange be unbolted, another flange, and valve assy. be installed with the valve open tighten then shut the valve?

There may be a reason it can't be done, but I have not heard this bunch say anything about any ideas, we can't relay on Obama to come up with anything, he don't know anything, except politics.

thanks Arnold

Vincent A. Mc Master

June 9th, 2010 11:59 am ET

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Ok here is what I've been thinking. Since the problem is so far under the water, what is needed, is to fine the right formula for concrete to harden at that level. Pour the concrete from the bottom to the top and cover the whole thing. I know at the depth and pressure there are factors that I may not be aware of, but I sure that the big thinkers Mr. Obama know can figure the rest out. Just put some type of cement on it and charge it to BP. By the way, if your thinking about the added pressure from stopping the oil, then at the same time your putting the cement on drill relief holes. I shouldn't have to tell you to make sure all the right precautions are taken this time. I hope this helps, and if it didn't I am glad I tried. Thank you. Respectfully,  
Vincent A. Mc Master

Andrea

June 9th, 2010 12:36 pm ET

How can you possibly clean up all the oil? Even if they managed to clean it all up, where will they put it? No matter where you dispose of it, it will still be on this planet.

Jake McGill

June 9th, 2010 12:42 pm ET

Retroactive idea: Why was there not a back-up plan in the FIRST place?? This is life, things break. Have a plan.

Don

June 9th, 2010 12:45 pm ET

Pump it all out, lowers gas prices and saves the environment from future spills. If it stays in the ground, it is only ticking time bomb.

eric abel

June 9th, 2010 12:51 pm ET

stuff ceo in the hole

Nancy

June 9th, 2010 12:51 pm ET

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Put a million dollar a day fine on the heads of all participating companies (BP, Haliberton, etc.) until the flow is stopped. Hit their pocketbook HARDER than their PROFITS!

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Corrine Waid

June 9th, 2010 12:54 pm ET

Instead of building a dome, is it possible to build a huge funnel that could be places over the spills in order to divert the oil to one location. From there, the oil could be captured and contained. I was thinking of a flexible material with a coil inside that would enable it to be moved. The area around the leak would have to be more rigid and much wider (like the dome idea). This funnel would then become narrower and eventually turn into a huge flexible hose. This hose could be moved to a number of desired locations.

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Charles R. Ott, Jr.

June 9th, 2010 12:58 pm ET

One idea I had would be to take empty oil tankers and build machines within them that could siphon water & oil that has collected on the surface. It could then return the clean recycled water back into the Gulf. This would be like Kevin Costner's idea but on a grander industrial scale that could fit within a tanker & cover a much broader area.

Another idea would be have a big roller connected between two vessels like that see on a baseball field when rains. Material could either be similar to sham-wow or paint brush roller spongy absorbent material that as it is rolling would separate oil from the sponge. A new roller could be added for each section they would do.

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tsubibo33

June 9th, 2010 1:02 pm ET

freeze the oil and then scoop them up.

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June 9th, 2010 1:17 pm ET

Plug the damn hole using cement and rocks. First drill more holes to diminish the pressure of oil flow. But I'm sure this plan, too, may either have discarded or exhausted without any result. How much oil is in there anyway? I think now the countdown to have all the oil spew out of the ground to the finish may have begun.

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Scott W. Milford, MI

June 9th, 2010 1:21 pm ET

The top hat technique failed because the device become clogged. Why would they not pump the water through the top as it is lowered to the bottom of the Gulf? The constant flow would prevent the clog from occurring. The hose is ultimately going into a tanker anyway, just pump all the fluid through until the "top hat" is put in place.

Sure, there will be a mixer of water and oil pumping through, but at least it is controlled and directed. It is certainly better than what is going on now.

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Lou

June 9th, 2010 1:55 pm ET

I think we should plug the hole with all the BS that keeps coming out of Tony Hayward's mouth. Seems to be well more than enough to plug the spill.

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Ian

June 9th, 2010 1:57 pm ET

First off make a NASA style ruber clamp that closes from the side by at least 4 large machine screws. Have the screws already threaded so all you have to do is lower it over it and tighten. Use glues or adheasive to bond the rubber. Make sure

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to take advantage of the leverage given to you by the collar just below the cut area. And if it leaks a little make sure your first seal has a lip around the screws so you can apply a second seal around the 2 joined pieces. If it's tight enough it will stop it.... Figure it out!!!

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john Tiedeman

June 9th, 2010 1:58 pm ET

Here are two ideas I posted on youtube. I love the show! Thanks for checking them out!

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john Tiedeman

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marianne kehoe

June 9th, 2010 2:00 pm ET

Float some rafts or "mattresses" made of hay so that lost & weary birds can rest. Later hay rafts can be collected & burned at a electricity producing garbage incinerator.

next, trained dolphins to lead other wild dolphins to safer areas. Especially good idea, now that we know the oil plumes can be "seen" by sonar!

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Rita

June 9th, 2010 2:01 pm ET

How about putting another containment cap on top of the current one to siphon off the oil the first one didn't catch siphoning to a separate vessel and then even a third if necessary.

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Charles Jensen

June 9th, 2010 2:14 pm ET

Since the well can't be plugged at the top I believe they should try to inject something into the well that is very thin and try to snake it down to the bottom of the well and then when you get it into the bottom you inflate the plug or expand it like an umbrella to stop the flow at the bottom rather than the top. Think of it like a long balloon expanding to fill the tube. Then maybe they could fill the top with concrete with the pressure at the bottom slowed..

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Doc

June 24th, 2010 5:16 pm ET

Use a 300-500 pound wrecking ball, in the shape of a cone, have it lowered with a mile of cable from a crane on a barge, and guided by the sub robots when it reaches its targets. The weight (more if needed) should seal the main opening and reduce the flow.

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Bob McAvoy

June 30th, 2010 7:34 pm ET

Use the same drilling equipment which produced the several mile long bore hole. It would be faster than boring a new hole. Attach a modified bore head which

opens when it reaches the other end of the bore hole, which could seal it at the far end. In machining a hole from the opposite side, this is called back-boring. BP must have a very good idea how the opposite end of the hole is shaped, and could mount a head which would let the pressure from the source force the end shut. There is already a bore pipe in the stack.

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