Media Log

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TV Broadcast

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WKRG News Five, Mobile. Website monitors spill growth. [http://wkrg.com/879748] “A non-profit organization called Skytruth.org is watching the Gulf of Mexico oil spill from space.” Features interview with Professor of Oceanography, Ian MacDonald, FSU. “He says they’re not here to undermine the clean-up effort, but to provide the most accurate data possible.

CNBC. Gulf’s growing oil slick: businesses brace for the worst. [http://www.cnbc.com/id/36848720/] “Already, the spill appears to be bigger than the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989, John Amos, an eco-geographer and head of the environmental organization SkyTruth, told CNBC.”

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abc7chicago.com. Gulf oil disaster another sign oil industry may be out of its depth. [http://www.greenrightnow.com/wls/2010/04/30/gulf-oil-disaster-another-sign-oil-industry-may-be-out-of-its-depth/] “John Amos, founder and president of SkyTruth, a non-profit organization that investigates environmental disasters using satellite technology, said this “could be a catastrophic spill for the U.S.”

Radio Programs

Print News/Web Sites

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Los Angeles Times. Oil spill five times as large as originally thought. [http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-oil-spill-20100429,0,1103849.story] “Based on an analysis of radar satellite images of the spill, SkyTruth calculated that at least 6 million gallons had already entered the gulf — at a rate of about 20,000 barrels a day.....SkyTruth posted its estimates on its website, SkyTruth.org, before the Coast Guard announced its new leak estimates.

Mother Jones. Oil spill goes from bad to worse. [http://motherjones.com/kevin-drum/2010/04/oil-spill-goes-bad-worse] “SkyTruth.org estimates that the spill rate is 20 times higher than initial estimates and that 6 million gallons of oil have already spilled into the Gulf.”

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Houston Chronicle. ‘Cementing’ of rig’s well eyed as possible culprit. [http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/business/deepwaterhorizon/6980770.html] “In the Timor Sea incident, oil leaked for 10 weeks, and slicks moved as far as 200 miles from the spill site, said John Amos, a former oil exploration geologist whose organization, SkyTruth, tracks oil spills through satellite images.”
Baltimore Sun. Oil spill five times as large as earlier thought.  
http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/green/la-na-oil-spill-20100429.0,1094578.story “The nonprofit environmental group SkyTruth warned that the growing disaster "could soon surpass the sorry benchmark 20 years ago set by the 11 million gallon Exxon Valdez spill."

Chicago Tribune. Oil spill five times as large as originally thought.  

Omaha.com. Oil spill 5 times larger than earlier thought (LA Times/National AP).  

On Earth. (Journal of the Natural Resources Defense Council.) Gulf oil spill far worse than official, BP admit, says independent analyst.  
http://www.onearth.org/node/2084?comments=all “too bad they’re both wrong, according to a group of independent analysts who are watching the spill via satellite and aerial data from their offices in West Virginia.”

Spot This Now. Oil spill Mexico 2010 is worse than Exxon Valdez spill.  
http://www.spotthisnow.com/2010/04/oil-spill-gulf-of-mexico-2010-is-than-exxon-valdez-spill/ “According to the SkyTruth analysis of radar satellite images and "conservative calculations" in the first week of the oil spill at least 6 million gallons may have entered the Gulf.”

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Huffington Post. Mary Landrieu Minimized Potential for Spill and Impact of Damage.  
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/04/30/sen-landrieu-minimized-po_n_558772.html “(Sen.) Landrieu attacked the testimony of John Amos, president of SkyTruth, a group which monitors environmental conditions through satellite images, regarding the impact of the Australian spill.”

Think Progress. BP-Halliburton oil disaster could surpass Exxon Valdez in a week.  
http://thinkprogress.org/2010/04/30/bp-exxon-disaster/

The Wonk Room. (thinkprogress.org) Oil rig disaster could soon be worse than Exxon Valdez.  
http://wonkroom.thinkprogress.org/2010/04/30/bp-vs-exxon/ “UPDATE (?) Amos estimates the breadth of the oil slick may now be 4,400 square miles, twice official estimates -- which means that instead of 6 million gallons, there could already have been 12 million gallons spilled -- 1.7 million gallons a day -- already exceeding the scope of the Exxon Valdez.”

Blogs

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Whitescreek Journal. Mom’s on the roof. http://whitescreek.blogspot.com/2010/04/moms-on-roof.html “The nonprofit SkyTruth, which specializes in analyzing satellite and aerial data, also warns that the spill may be releasing as much as 850,000 gallons a day.”
Labrish Jamaica: Musings on earth and life. Is Gulf oil spill even bigger than they're admitting?
http://labrishjamaica.blogspot.com/2010/04/is-gulf-oil-spill-even-bigger-than.html “Amos estimates that the amount of oil leaking into the Gulf is more like 20,000 barrels a day -- four times the Coast Guard estimate, and 20 times what BP originally claimed.”
New Orleans Ladder. SkyTruth estimates spill rate at 850,000 gallons 20,000 barrels per say- 4 times more than the ‘Unified Command’ statements.

**International Articles**

4/29/10 China

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