

As part of the Department of Energy's response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf, the Office of Fossil Energy has established a new email address to collect the best ideas from within the Department's research community (i.e. DOE labs, universities, contractors and others that interact with DOE) on how to stop or contain the oil's release and mitigate impact on the environment.

Please send ideas and suggestions directly to [oilspillsolutions@hq.doe.gov](mailto:oilspillsolutions@hq.doe.gov). Submissions will undergo an internal vetting process and the most immediately applicable suggestions will be elevated to senior DOE leadership for accelerated consideration. However, ALL suggestions will be placed in the Government's public Deepwater Horizon database for evaluation by an interagency team. This will ensure that innovative ideas, which are directly applicable to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, receive the highest attention.

Employees are encouraged to submit ideas and suggestions in topic areas including, but not limited to: sub-surface containment, surface containment, shoreline cleanup and remediation, safety improvements, and flow stoppage. Effective immediately ideas should be sent to [oilspillsolutions@hq.doe.gov](mailto:oilspillsolutions@hq.doe.gov)

Please note: outside ideas received by the Department may also be forwarded to this address.