

Image: Oil Slick in the Gulf of Mexico

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(PhysOrg.com) -- On Saturday, June 19, 2010, oil spread northeast from the leaking Deepwater Horizon well in the Gulf of Mexico. The oil appears as a maze of silvery-gray ribbons in this photo-like image from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NASA's Terra satellite.

The location of the leaking well is marked with a white dot. North of the well, a spot of black may be smoke; reports from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say that [oil](#) and gas continue to be captured and burned as part of the emergency response efforts.

The [large image](#) (10 MB, JPEG) is at MODIS' maximum spatial resolution (level of detail). Twice-daily images of the [Gulf of Mexico](#) are available from the MODIS Rapid Response Team in additional resolutions and formats, including a georeferenced version that can be used in Google Earth.

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