

## Looming Environmental Catastrophe: Gulf Oil Being Pulled Into Loop Current

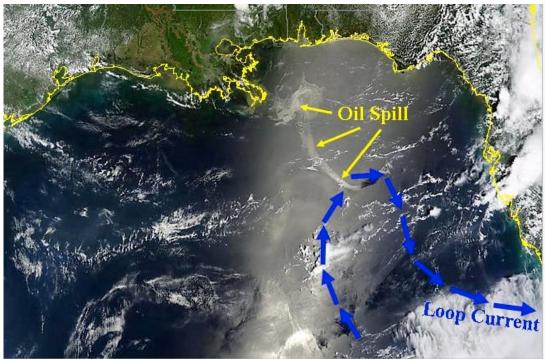
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The oil is now being pulled into the loop current.

As AP notes:

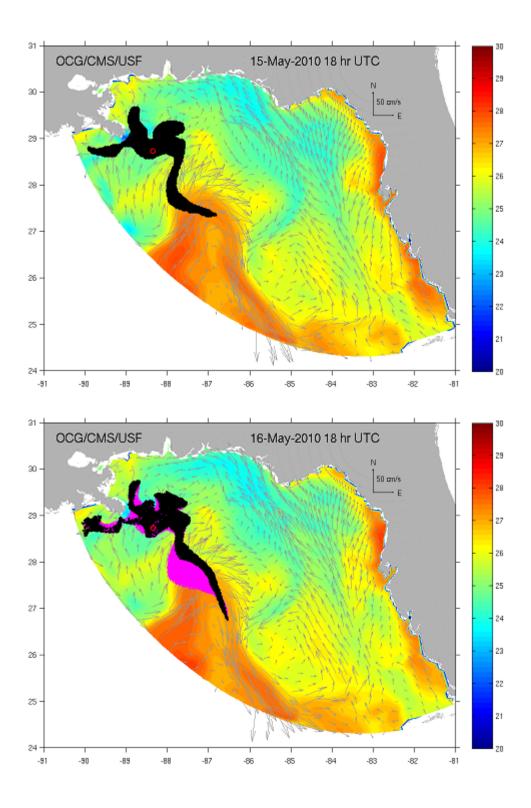
On Sunday, researchers said computer models show oil has already entered the loop current that could carry the toxic goo toward the Keys, the thirdlongest barrier reef in the world.

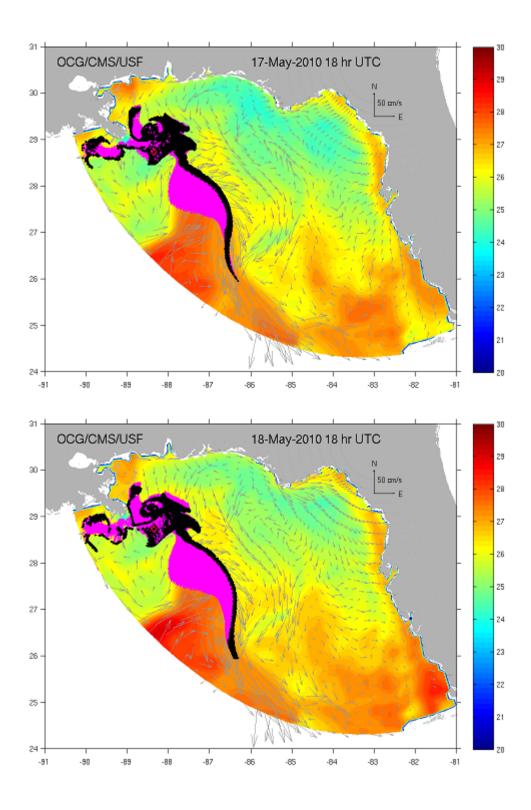
This is shown in the following image from the University of Wisconsin and NASA:

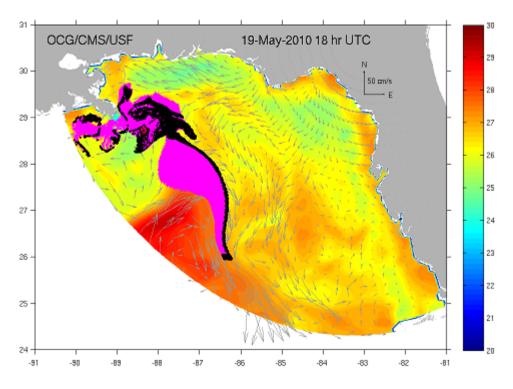


**Figure 1.** Satellite image of the oil spill taken at 12:40 EDT Monday May 17, 2010. The location of the Loop Current is superimposed. Image credit: University of Wisconsin and NASA

University of Florida's <u>Ocean Circulation Group</u> provides the following <u>projections</u>:







For background on the loop current and the oil spill, see this.

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