Environmental costs of Gulf oil spill

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46 days after the Gulf oil spill commenced, oil is still leaking from the well even though a cap has been placed on a pipe. There has been a lot of media coverage about the extent of the oil spill, fouled beaches, oil-soaked birds, fishermen who have lost their livehood etc. But there is no comprehensive overview of the potential environmental costs of the oil spill/leak. An article by Gaelin Rosenwaks in Saturday's Toronto Sun goes a long way toward providing such an overview. See article here

Joel Auchebach and David Brown in the Washington Post argue that the ecological damage could last decades. More here

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