On April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico. It killed 11 workers and caused the worst oil spill in American history. The explosion still haunts the lives of those most intimately affected, though the story has long ago faded from the front page.

- BP CEO Tony Hayward got his life back. Four years later, working families and fishermen in the Gulf are still waiting to get theirs back. People who live and work on the Gulf coast know that the oil hasn’t gone away, and neither have the problems it brought with it.
- Do you know know anyone affected by the oil spill? Have you been impacted by the spill—perhaps by the types of seafood you eat?
- The Great Invisible showed us just how reliant we are on oil.
- Can you count all of the ways we use oil? Where do we have alternatives?
- While we cannot undo the damage caused by the BP disaster, we can move the Gulf region and America towards a sustainable future by building a 21st century transportation system and investing in the kind of clean energy that will create jobs and infuse new life into our economy.
- What solutions can you think of to reduce your own dependence on oil? (Ex: take public transit, bike, use less plastic, test drive a hybrid or a plug-in vehicle)
- If the spill taught us one thing, it is that offshore drilling is not safe, and will continue to pose grave risks, while providing only a finite amount of dirty energy. Opening new areas off the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic coasts not only risks local communities and environments, but also our climate. We need to stand up to the oil industry to protect our communities, our wildlife and our climate.

- How can we make sure this doesn’t happen again?
- We don’t need to sacrifice our oceans and coastal communities just so the oil industry can break more profit records. We have clean energy solutions that will end our dependence on oil, we just need the political will to embrace them.
- How can we encourage our government to move beyond oil?

**TAKE ACTION**

Call your representative—let them know that Americans are ready for clean energy, and are tired of letting the oil industry call the shots. Let them know it’s time to move our nation beyond oil.

Spread the word—post your thoughts on social media, and encourage your friends and family to watch the film and take action.

Join the Sierra Club and the Beyond Oil Campaign in transitioning our country to one where innovative green industries provide good jobs and supply 100 percent of our energy needs, one with clean air and water, with pristine coasts and protected natural areas—to a country beyond oil. Find out more at BeyondOil.org