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Human Health Impacts and the Gulf Oil Spill

Protecting people from harmful health impacts that may arise from the recent Gulf Oil Spill is at the forefront of our minds here at the Pacific Northwest Center for Human Health and Ocean Studies (PNW H2O Center) at the University of Washington (UW) and the Institute for Risk Analysis and Risk Communication (IRARC) at the UW's School of Public Health.



In response, the PNW H2O Center and IRARC have teamed up to compile the following list of human health information resources that the Gulf Oil Spill responders and those potentially affected by the spill might find useful:

TOXICOLOGICAL PROFILE FOR TOTAL PETROLEUM HYDROCARBONS (TPH).

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. 1999
www.bvsde.paho.org/bvstox/i/fulltext/toxprofiles/total.pdf

SELECTED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (including Crude Oil).

International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS) and World Health Organization. 1982
Environmental Health Criteria 20.
<http://www.inchem.org/documents/ehc/ehc/ehc020.htm>

OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES IN PETROLEUM REFINING; CRUDE OIL AND MAJOR PETROLEUM FUELS.

World Health Organization and International Agency for Research on Cancer.
IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans. Volume 45
<http://www.monographs.iarc.fr/ENG/Monographs/vol45/volume45.pdf>

THE GULF OIL SPILL: HUMAN HEALTH IS AFFECTED TOO.

Blog by: Gina Solomon. Natural Resources Defense Council. 2010
http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/gsolomon/the_gulf_oil_spill_human_health.html

For more specific peer-reviewed materials, selected references can be found at:
depts.washington.edu/pnwh2o/

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