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Dispatches from the Gulf. (Journey to Planet Earth). color. 36/55+ min. Marilyn & Hal Weiner, Screenscope, Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative, <tel:202-364-0055> <<http://dispatchesfromthegulf.com/dvd>>

DVD UPC 013964999181. Free. ENVIRONMENT



[Starred Review] In 2010, the failure of the Deepwater Horizon oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico led to the deaths of 11 workers and the rupture of an underwater pipe that released more than 200 million gallons of oil over the following three months, becoming the largest oil spill in U.S. history. This film, expertly narrated by Matt Damon, follows scientists as they examine the repercussions six years later. One study addresses the long-term effects of oil in the water on red snapper, another takes core samples from the gulf floor. One group relocates mahi-mahi to an on-shore breeding center, while another study tries to determine where all of the oil actually settled. The disc includes the full-length film, an abridged classroom version, educator guides, and lesson plans.

VERDICT -- A terrific film to teach both adults and children about the ecosystem in the Gulf of Mexico and the consequences of such a disaster. **Highly recommended.**

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