



**Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Film Profiles (videos)**

***Dirty Energy***

Hopkins, Bryan D. *Dirty Energy*. Burbank: Cinema Libre Studio, 2013. HD, 94 min. <https://youtu.be/IBqLvKBU4Lc>.

On April 20th, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded off the Gulf of Mexico, killing eleven British Petroleum (BP) workers and spewing 200 million barrels of oil into the ocean. *Dirty Energy* brings to light the personal stories of the Louisiana fishermen and local residents directly impacted by the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history. Filmmaker Bryan D. Hopkins gains intimate access to the lives and homes of these people, as they struggle to rebuild their lives and contend with emerging health crises related to the toxic dispersants used to clean up the spill. *Dirty Energy* paints a poignant portrait of the human cost of the calamity, and the systematic failure by BP and the U.S. Government to effectively and transparently manage the environmental impact. (Source: [Official Film Website](#) )

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**Further readings:**

- Giddens, Paul H. *The Birth of the Oil Industry*. New York: Macmillan Co., 1938.
- Hunt, Sonya, Kelly Smith, Heather Hamerton, and Rebecca J. Sargisson. "An Incident Control Centre in Action: Response to the Rena Oil Spill in New Zealand." *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* 22 (2014): 63–66.
- Jernelöv, Arne. "The Threats from Oil Spills: Now, Then, and in the Future." *Ambio: A Journal of the Human Environment* 39, no. 6 (2010): 353–66.

**Related links:**

- BP Oil Spill (The Guardian)  
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/bp-oil-spill>
- The Ecological and Economic Impacts of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Disaster (NRDC)  
<https://www.google.de/url>

**Websites linked in this text:**

- <http://www.dirtyenergymovie.com/>
- <http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html>
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>