BP Gulf Oil Spill Coverage

(More than 225 outlets provided coverage.)

When the Center filed Freedom of Information Act requests to obtain a list of safety violations at U.S. oil refineries in wake of the BP oil spill in the Gulf, the analyzed data resulted in the creation of six stories over two and a half months. The subsequent media coverage was extensive, with more than 225 print, broadcast, and online media outlets referencing the Center's work.

The top tier media outlets included the *Financial Times, Forbes, Barron's*, CBS News, ABC's Nightline and investigative news site, The Blotter, CNBC, *Fast Company*, CNN's American Morning with John Roberts and Kiran Chetry, the *New York Times, Houston Chronicle*, Reuters, *Rolling Stone, San Francisco Chronicle, Scientific American*, the *Sydney Morning Herald, Telegraph* (UK), The Atlantic Daily Dish by Andrew Sullivan, The Daily Green, *USA Today* (Editorial), *Vancouver Sun, Wall Street Journal*, Yahoo! Green, and Yahoo! News in the U.S., Canada, Asia, UK, Australia, Ireland, Singapore & Malaysia.

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Since the publishing of these Center stories, more than half a dozen news outlets requested the Center's OSHA data to run additional stories of their own, including *Popular Mechanics*, *Politico*, ProPublica, *Outside Magazine*, and CBS News.

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