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Much has been in the news about how to clean the oil that's spilling into the Gulf. The Institute of Environmental and Human Health at Texas Tech created a wipe called Fibertect. The U.S. military uses the wipe in their decontamination kits to remove chemical and biological warfare agents. It's made of nonwoven cotton with an activated carbon core. It just so turns out that this wipe makes an excellent sponge to mop up oil released into the Gulf of Mexico by BP's exploded Deepwater Horizon rig. If made into booms, it would not only absorb 40 times its weight in oil, but also detoxify much of it.

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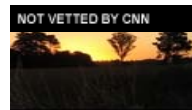


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