

Texas varsity shows how Fibertect mops up oil

TEXAS (Commodity Online): The Institute of Environmental and Human Health at Texas Tech University has come out with a demonstration of how its contamination wipe called Fibertect can mop up oil in seconds. In a demonstration shown on CNN iReport (<http://www.ireport.com/docs/DOC-447299>), the Director of the Institute shows how the Fibertect mops up oil in an aquarium filled with water.

The Texas Tech university believes the contamination wipe can enable cleaning of the oil spill in the Gulf better than any other means deployed so far. The contamination wipe made of non-woven cottons is used by the U.S. military 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, Texas Tech University said in a press release.