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## Texas Crop Positioned to Clean Oil from the Shores of Neighboring States

Texas waters have not been affected by the Gulf oil disaster and Texas seafood remains both safe to eat and the high quality consumers across the nation have come to expect. But in true Lone Star State fashion, we remain focused on the disaster and prayerful for those who have been affected. The latest hope in the effort to battle the Gulf of Mexico oil spill is a technology called Fibertect Cotton-Soaking (CS), which was just approved by the EPA .

Scientists at Texas Tech University helped develop the Fibertect CS, a three-layer flexible, inert, non-woven, non-particulate decontamination system that has been proven to be successful in absorbing chemicals such as oil. As the name implies, cotton is a major component, along with carbon. According to the First Line Technology, scientific research shows raw cotton can absorb more than 20 times its weight, and when chemically modified, that absorption capability is doubled or tripled. Check out [CNBC's report on this technology](#).

For the sake of our environment, seafood producers and beautiful Gulf Coast beaches, I hope this technology is put to use by the Federal government and British Petroleum. I also hope it spares our neighbors across the Gulf from even more damage than they've already suffered due to what is now considered the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history.

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