



**THE BP OIL SPILL:
IMPACTS AND ISSUES FOR LOUISIANA
A COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE**

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A photograph of a large flock of pelicans in a wetland. The birds are scattered throughout the scene, with one in the foreground having its wings spread. The landscape is filled with dead, skeletal trees and a body of water. The text "Key Issues" is overlaid in the center-right in a bold, orange font.

Key Issues

HEALTH IMPACTS

Respiratory Problems

Long-term Negative Health Effects

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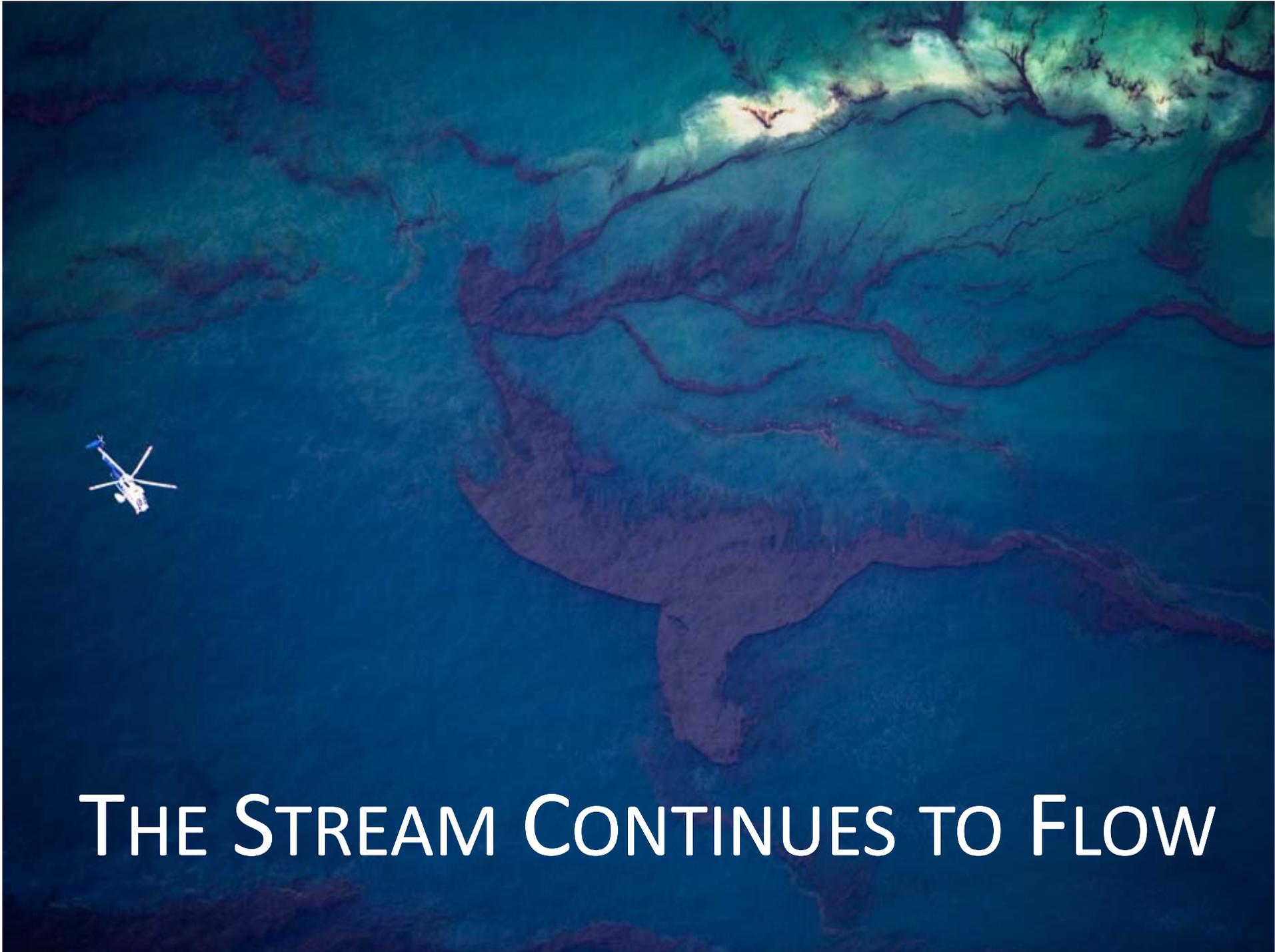
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SHIP CUTS A PATH THROUGH THE OIL ON THE SURFACE OF GULF WATERS





THE STREAM CONTINUES TO FLOW

DOING BATTLE WITH A JUGGERNAUT...



PROTECTIVE BOOMS...



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The oil spill will have profound impacts on:

Marine life

Wildlife

Marshes

Coastline

INVADING OUR MARSHES



OUR WILDLIFE AT RISK FROM BIG



TO SMALL
THE SPILL TAKES ITS TOLL...



A YOUNG HERON LIES DYING...



AN OIL COATED EGRET





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Grand Isle, LA

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THE BROWN PELICAN... A RE-ENDANGERED SPECIES?



ECONOMIC IMPACTS

The oil spill will have profound impacts on:

Fishermen

Shrimpers

Oystermen

The Food Industry

Support Industries

Our Cultural Heritage



DESTROYING OUR CANE CROPS

OYSTERMEN LOSING THEIR LIVELIHOOD



Oysterman Ameal Wilson (Shawn Escoffery)



FISHERMEN WITHOUT A CATCH

Photo by Shawn Escoffery (Judge Williams, 67)

A CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT



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LOST IN TRANSLATION

The language barrier was significant as workers discovered in the field.

WORKER TRAINING NEEDS

Translators for workers speaking:

Spanish

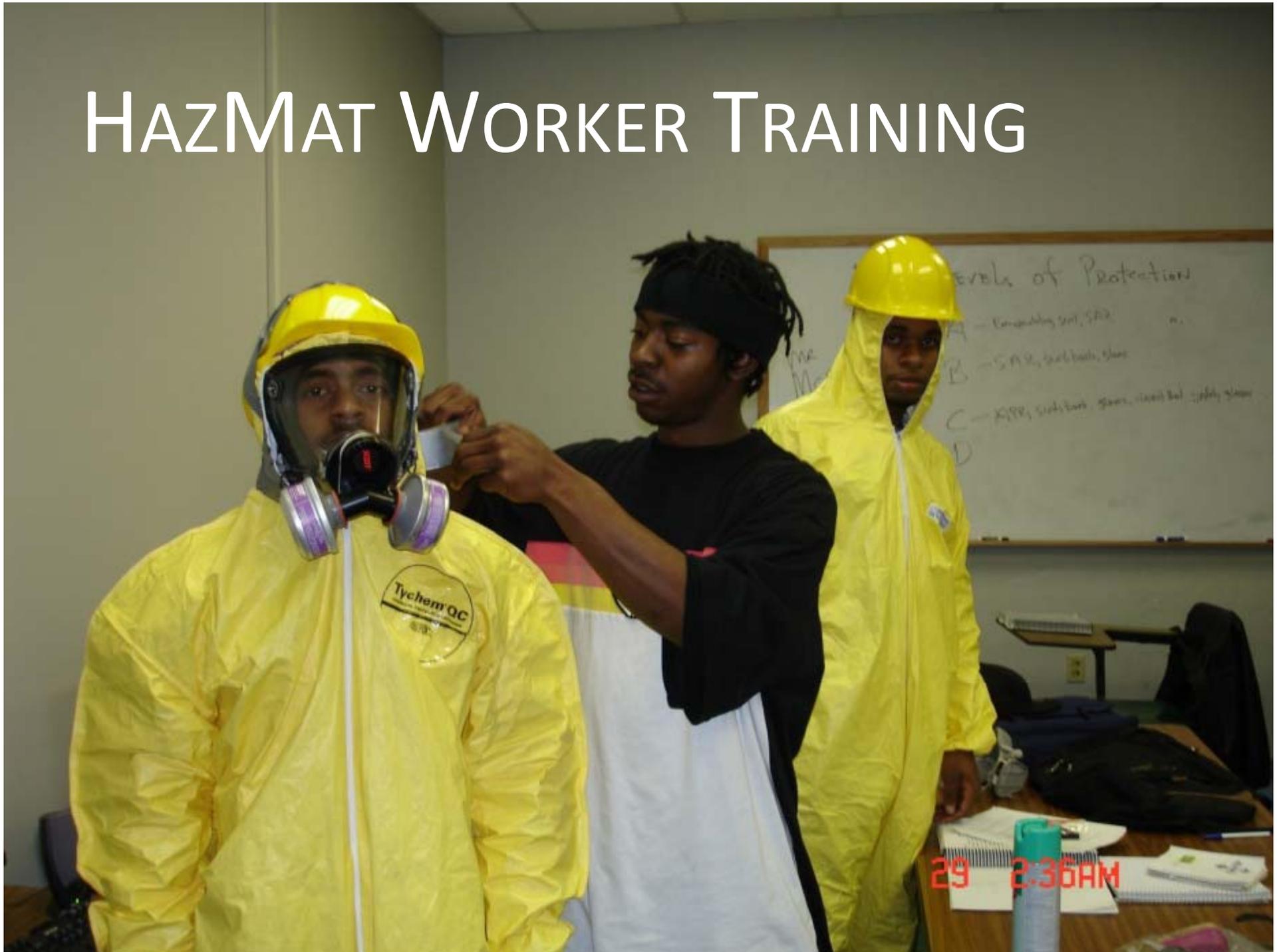
Vietnamese

Creole/Cajun Dialects

40 Hour HAZMAT Training

Culturally Sensitive Curriculum for Training African American and Bayou Fishermen

HAZMAT WORKER TRAINING



TRAINED WORKERS DEPLOY



SUPERVISORS ON DUTY



WORKER SAFETY ISSUES

Some workers found themselves working without adequate protective gear.

Some workers are being treated for problems due to contact with chemical dispersants and oil fumes.

These factors could lead to long-term negative health effects.

CLEAN UP EFFORTS



ON THE FRONT LINES...







DOING WHAT WE CAN SAFELY



COMMUNITY TRAINING

Residents of affected communities will require training in the following areas:

Physical Health Effects

Psycho-social Effects

Safety Issues Related to Contact

Subsistence Fishing Issues



