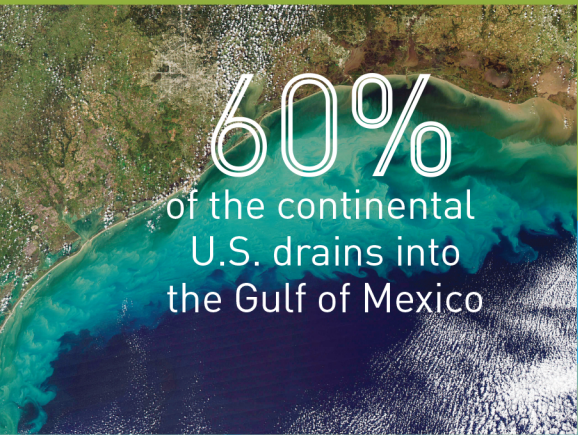


# Why is our ocean STRESSED?



## RUNOFF

from industry and agriculture creates

## TOXIC POLLUTION

and record-setting

## HYPOXIC ZONES

low-oxygen "dead zones"



52%  
of U.S.  
**POPULATION**  
lives in coastal  
counties

## OIL & GAS DRILLING

puts the ocean at risk of  
leaks, spills and major  
accidents like the 2010  
Gulf of Mexico oil spill



## WHAT'S OCEAN ACIDIFICATION?

Atmospheric carbon dioxide dissolves  
into ocean water and forms carbonic  
acid, which harms shellfish and corals  
and threatens the ocean food web



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