Why is our ocean

STRESSEM

6000 of the continental U.S. drains into the Gulf of Mexico

RUNOFF

from industry and agriculture creates

TOXIC POLLUTION

and record-setting

HYPOXIC ZONES

low-oxygen "dead zones"



CLIMATE CHANGE

increases ocean temperatures and sea levels, causes ocean acidification

OIL & GAS DRILLING

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



MARINE DEBRIS

pollutes the ocean and kills animals



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





OVERFISHING

disrupts the food web and harms the economic engine that supports people and jobs

4.7 million lbs caught/day

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