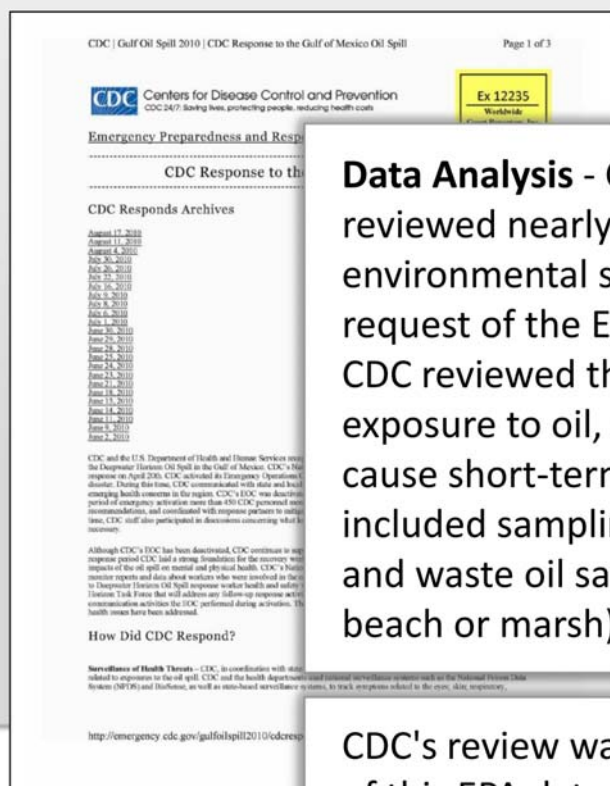


CDC & EPA Independent Analyses of Environmental Sampling Data



Data Analysis - CDC's Environmental Health Team reviewed nearly 400 packages of data taken from environmental samples collected on Gulf Coast at the request of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). CDC reviewed this sampling data to determine whether exposure to oil, oil constituents, or dispersants might cause short-term or long-term health effects. The data included sampling results for air, water, soil/sediment, and waste oil samples (material actually reaching the beach or marsh).

CDC's review was one of multiple independent reviews of this EPA data.