World's worst oil spills MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA LOUISIANA

New Orleans Gulf of Mexico

50 miles
80km

Venice
Spill forecast to drift east

Deepwater Horizon
Rig which sank on

April 22 – after blast two days earlier – is leaking about 42,000 gallons of oil a day

1991: Iraq deliberately releases
520 million college of oil during first

- 520 million gallons of oil during first Gulf War to impede U.S.-led invasion

 1979: Well blow-out in Bay of
- Campeche off Mexico's coast spills
 140m gallons over nine months
 1979: Greek oil tanker leaks
- 90m gallons after collision with another ship off coast of Trinidad
 1983: Up to 80m gallons leak into
- 1983: Up to 80m gallons leak into Persian Gulf after tanker collides with drilling platform
- 1989: Exxon Valdez disaster spills 11m gallons into Alaska's Prince William Sound