

NEXT GENERATION OIL SPILL RESEARCHERS

Next Generation Oil Spill Researchers is a community of practice that provides senior and early career researchers, decision-makers, and community leaders with an overview of the many issues related to conducting research in the aftermath of a Spill of National Significance. Interactive webinars and networking opportunities will provide a foundation for a new generation to conduct rigorous, ethical, and community-centered research on the human, environmental, and economic impacts of a potential spill in the Gulf region. This initiative is a collaboration between the National Academies' Gulf Research Program and the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado Boulder.



INTERACTIVE WEBINARS

- A multi-year webinar series designed to prepare researchers and others for a timely, coordinated, and scientifically rigorous research response in the event of a major oil spill in the Gulf.
- Each interactive webinar will feature expert speakers, an interactive Q&A session, and related resources.
- The first 7-part webinar series launches in September 2026!



NETWORKING

- Networking opportunities will connect researchers and practitioners across disciplines and organizations.
- The *Next Generation Oil Spill Researchers* LinkedIn group provides a networking space for members to engage with each other, exchange knowledge, and build collaborations.
- Join the LinkedIn group by scanning the QR code below!



READINGS AND RESOURCES

- A curated collection of resources provides a knowledge base for next generation researchers to learn about past studies of major oil spills, including reports and notable publications on *Exxon Valdez* and *Deepwater Horizon*.
- Researchers will also find trainings, data collection tools, and other resources to support interdisciplinary work in the event of future oil spills.

For more information about this initiative, scan the QR code below or visit hazards.colorado.edu/next-generation-oil-spill-researchers. To learn more about the National Academies' Gulf Research Program, please visit nationalacademies.org/gulf/gulf-research-program.

Questions? Email the Natural Hazards Center at hazctr@colorado.edu.

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