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**BOOKS OFFER INSIGHT INTO OIL INDUSTRY
AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

*AAUP's "Books for Understanding" Provides Guide to Scholarship
on the Worldwide Oil Industry and Its Effects on the Environment*

NEW YORK (June 11, 2010) – The massive BP oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico is producing devastating effects in the region and around the world. Though, after various unsuccessful efforts at stopping the flow of oil, the most recent “containment cap” seems to be capturing a more significant amount of the spillage, the impact will be felt in the environment, industry, and by governments for a very long time.

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