

Outstanding Paper Award Ballot
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	Smith, R. H., et al., 2014: Oceanographic conditions in the Gulf of Mexico in July 2010, during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. <i>Cont. Shelf Res.</i> , 77:118-131. doi:10.1016/j.csr.2013.12.009.

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