Data were compiled from surveys conducted in the Gulf of Mexico.

These data are a subset of samples collected on Brooks McCall Cruise 3. As more data become available, they will be added to this data set.

The data include water chemistry data.

Station IDs were stored as recorded in the SCRIBE database. No datum code was reported, but is assumed to be NAD83.

All samples were analyzed by LSU lab. Only Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons by Method EXDET are reported thus far (07/16/2010).

No sums were calculated.

Most qualifiers recorded in the chemistry files are those provided by the laboratory with the original submission. Current DVLlevel is recorded as "UNVAL" to indicate that data validation has not been completed. Descriptions for the lab supplied qualifiers are recorded in Qualify.dbf with the Labname (i.e., qualifiers may be lab dependent and data from other labs may be added in the future).