

Human Impact on Estuaries

Terrible Spill in Grand Bay, MS



Gypsum stack around a retaining pond holding wastewater



(Image: Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve)



Fertilizer company is in the upper left corner. The spill crossed the road in the middle of the image and entered the lake. The faint green in the lower right corner are algal mats on the surface.

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Area where the spill entered Bangs Lake. Note the algal mats on the left side of the image.

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Marsh grass damaged by the spill.

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Algal mats growing on the surface of the lake amid damaged marsh grass.

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The fertilizer factory can be seen in the lower right corner. The red marker in the middle of the image shows the area of the lake where the spill entered. The other red marker shows the closest water quality monitoring station to the spill.

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