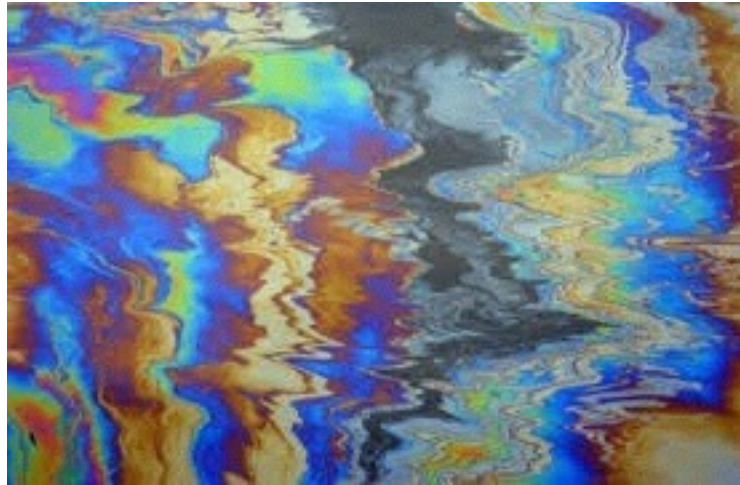


Wednesday Earth Wisdom

Wednesday, July 13



Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

We know that the issue of fresh water is vital “since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry. Water supplies used to be relatively constant, but now in many places demand exceeds sustainable supply, with dramatic consequences in the short and long term” (Par. 28, Laudato Si)

”Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by microorganisms and chemical substances ... Underground water sources in many places are threatened by pollution produced in certain mining, farming and industrial activities ... It is not only a question of industrial waste. Detergents and chemical products, commonly used in many places of the world, continue to pour into our rivers, lakes and seas.” (Par. 29)

What is the condition of the water where you live? We demand and expect pristine water from our taps but do we have the same high expectations for water that is released back into our lakes, rivers and oceans? How often does it contain trace medications, phosphates left from our laundry products, oil and gas residues in storm run-off? What can we do about it? What actions are you taking to stop the pollution of our waters?

