

EXXONMOBIL KEY FACTS

- Currently, “ExxonMobil is the world’s largest integrated oil company”, and “in 2011 reported proved reserves of 24.9 billion barrels of oil equivalent, including its major holdings in oil sands through Imperial Oil.” (*Hoovers Inc.*, through www.hoovers.com, company profile). **ExxonMobil is headquartered in Irving, Texas.**
- **Exxon and its Canadian subsidiary, Imperial Oil, operate some of the largest tar sands facilities in Alberta, if not the world:** (info from Imperial website).
 - **The “Cold Lake” facility is currently the largest in-situ tar sands operation in the world).** In 2011, it produced over 160,000 barrels of bitumen a day.
 - **The Kearl project, jointly owned by Exxon and Imperial, is expected to be one of Canada’s largest open pit mining operations for tar sands.** It is scheduled for start-up in late 2012, with initial production of 110,000 bpd, and capacity of 345,000 bpd.
 - **Imperial also owns 25% of Syncrude, the world’s largest producer of synthetic crude,** or “syncrude” from the tar sands of Alberta.
- **Exxon Valdez oil spill:** One of the best-known oil spill disasters in history happened when the *Exxon Valdez* ran aground in Prince William Sound, Alaska, spilling 42 million liters of crude oil and contaminating 1,990 kilometers of shoreline (*Scientific American*, Dec. 19, 2003). A major study by Charles H. Peterson of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which compiled and analyzed the findings of dozens of previous studies “showed that oil has persisted in surprisingly large quantities for years after the *Exxon Valdez* spill...” (*Science*, Dec. 19, 2003).
- **ExxonMobil pipelines have spilled even in iconic places like the Yellowstone River.** The spill of more than 1,000 barrels of crude polluted about 70 miles of the Yellowstone River in July 2011. On October 5th and 6th, 2012, two groups of landowners in eastern Montana filed suit against the company for damages, claiming the company ignored warnings about common flood conditions and that the damage could have been avoided if Exxon had listened.
- **ExxonMobil was rated as the 8th worst toxic air polluter** in the U.S., on the Political Economy Research Institute’s University of Massachusetts at Amherst) “Toxic 100” index of 2012. (<http://www.peri.umass.edu/toxic100/>).
- **Climate change denier:** For more than a decade, ExxonMobil has been undermining national and international efforts to study, raise awareness of, and address, the dangers of global warming despite substantial agreement among mainstream scientists that fossil fuel emissions are a major contributor and to climate change.