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**OR BOOKS TO PUBLISH FIRST BOOK ON DEEPWATER HORIZON
DISASTER**

OR Books, the original publisher of *New York Times* bestseller *Going Rouge: Sarah Palin – An American Nightmare* has joined in partnership with the Natural Resources Defense Council, the 1.3 million-member environmental organization, to announce the first book on the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

Written by Peter Lehner, executive director of the NRDC, together with Bob Deans, ***Deepwater Horizon: The Oil Disaster, Its Aftermath, and Our Future*** provides a brief account of the disaster as well as the conditions that made it possible—and lays out a blueprint to avoid similar catastrophes in the future.

“The book is not so much about BP as it is about how we got to the point where drilling in inaccessible spots became hugely profitable for oil companies,” said Peter Lehner. “There is a real need for an assessment of the situation that goes beyond criticizing one company’s incompetence. Our oil addiction and how we get rid of it has to be at the heart of these discussions.”

OR Books co-publisher John Oakes will be working closely with Lehner and the staff of the NRDC. “Peter Lehner, backed by NRDC’s staff of 400 scientists, researchers and activists, is in a unique position to write this book—and OR’s

unique set-up can get the book out lightning-quick to consumers, both in e-formats and as a traditional book,” Oakes said.

About the authors:

Peter Lehner, executive director of NRDC, also teaches environmental law at Columbia University Law School. He served as chief of the Environmental Protection Bureau of the New York State Attorney General’s office for eight years. He created and led the environmental prosecution unit for New York City.

Bob Deans, author of the 2007 book *The River Where America Began: A Journey Along the James*, was the chief Asia correspondent for the Atlanta *Journal-Constitution* and other Cox newspapers, and spent eight years covering the White House. He is a former president of the White House Correspondents’ Association.

Paperback copies and e-books will ship **August 9, 2010** with publication **September 20, 2010**. The book will initially be available only direct from the OR Books website, www.orbooks.com.

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