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Elastec earns place in Guinness World Records

For longest burn of an oil spill at sea

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FAIRFIELD, Ill. — Carmi, Ill.-based Elastec/American Marine has earned the Guinness World Records title for the "Longest Continuous Burn of an Oil Spill at Sea."

According to the official Guinness World Records website, and confirmed by Elastec officials, the record oil spill burn came on May 19, 2010, during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Elastec's CEO, Donnie Wilson used his company's patented "Hydro-Fire Boom" to corral a large area of crude oil in the Gulf and set it on fire. The resulting burn lasted 11 hours and 48 minutes. The second longest burn of spilled crude oil on the open sea was 11 hours and 21 minutes and was also carried out by Elastec during the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

By the time the Deepwater Horizon well was capped, Elastec carried out 411 controlled burns in the Gulf, resulting in over 300,000 barrels of crude oil being burned at sea before it had a chance to wash ashore.

The Hydro-Fire Boom is manufactured at Elastec's Fairfield, Ill., plant. The company encompasses 200,000 square feet in four manufacturing and warehousing facilities in Southern Illinois and a facility in Cocoa, Fla.

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