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The Gulf oil spill is definitely Obama's Katrina. The devastation caused by Katrina was largely caused by inadequate engineering of the dikes and levies. I suspect that no one expected that, nor did anyone expect a catastrophic failure of the well site at 5000 feet underwater. This failure is equivalent to the Chernobyl reactor accident in Russia. In this country, Chernobyl could never happen. The nuclear industry is well regulated by the government and the industry. It seems like it may be time for the government and oil industry to get up to speed too. This well spill is going to continue to be a mess of gigantic proportions.