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What do we do after BP fixes the gusher in the Gulf of Mexico -- days, weeks or months from now? We tell them what to do with the rest of their oil: Keep it in the ground.

As we said in **Bloomberg/Businessweek**, the Gulf spill is an environmental disaster that will happen again until we cut our addiction to oil. How do we wean ourselves? We toughen our fuel-economy and emissions standards so that automakers move beyond cars that depend on oil.

Turning out cars that get better fuel economy isn't rocket science. It's auto mechanics. Detroit already has available better engines, improved transmissions as well as hybrid and electric vehicle technology. But given their track record, the car companies will only move them from the shelf to the assembly line -- and ultimately move beyond the internal combustion engine -- if we adopt tough standards.