I can’t resist pointing out this article from America’s Finest News Source, The Onion, about the BP spill (continuing Dan’s introduction of off-color expressions into Legal Planet). The Onion mocks BP’s handling of the oil spill by characterizing the company as spewing out something else rather vile (a common expression for insincere or deceitful talk) from its corporate headquarters. Part of what makes this funny (and even more so, part of what makes it sad) is that the metaphor’s literal meaning resonates with the reality of the situation in the Gulf. It also resonates with the sense many of us have (unfortunately, a sense that has been confirmed again and again) that we can’t trust information provided by self-interested corporations.