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BP Oil Spill - April 20, 2010 -26 April BP shares fall 2% -2 May fishing is closed off -4 May congress increases limit of liability pay outs -7 May - 9 July failed efforts to stop leak -3 June BP starts first campaign -5 July cost has reached \$3bn -4 August Static kill closes well, 4.4 million barrells of oil leaked

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Following the incident:

>BP's reputation and image spiraled

>63% of Americans wanted BP charged with criminal negligence

>A charge that would result in infinite fines

>The bankruptcy of the already damaged company



Feds Move Toward Criminal Inquiry of BP

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Research

- >This is where the most important phase of the research began
- >BP conducted a study into the matter
- >Objective: properly inform its investors and consumers what caused the issue
- >State how they could insure it would not reoccur





Research

- >"a complex, interlinked series of mechanical failures, human judgment, engineering design, operational, implementation, and team interface failures, involving several companies including BP, contributed to the accident."
- >Also announced 27 safety changes that they were going to implement

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>As a result of this research, BP was able to avoid the most extreme charges

>Paid a few more minor fines and then continued its

clean up project



The case solutions.com Planning Targets, Goals and Objectives

BP tried to resolve the problem by:



1. Target audience: for Whom?

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>All individuals who were affected by the impact of oil spill.

>BP is trying to compensate all individuals as well as business entities that were affected.

>Expense for compensation is coming from:

- Parishes
- Counties
- Indian tribes
- Other political subdivisions