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BP or British Petroleum is a British multinational oil and gas company headquartered in London England.

3rd largest energy company and 4th largest company in the world operates in 80 countries

# **The Players**

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America

- Florida, Mississippi

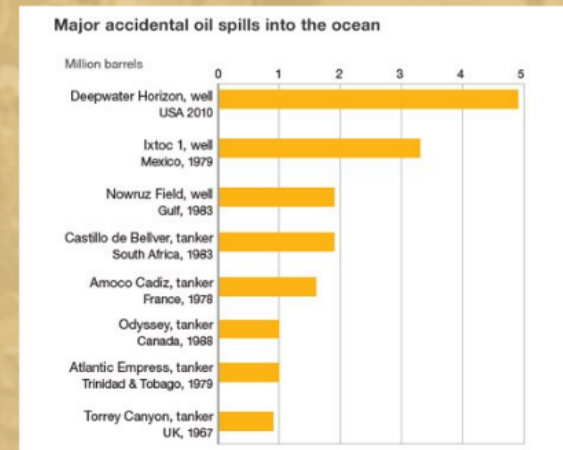
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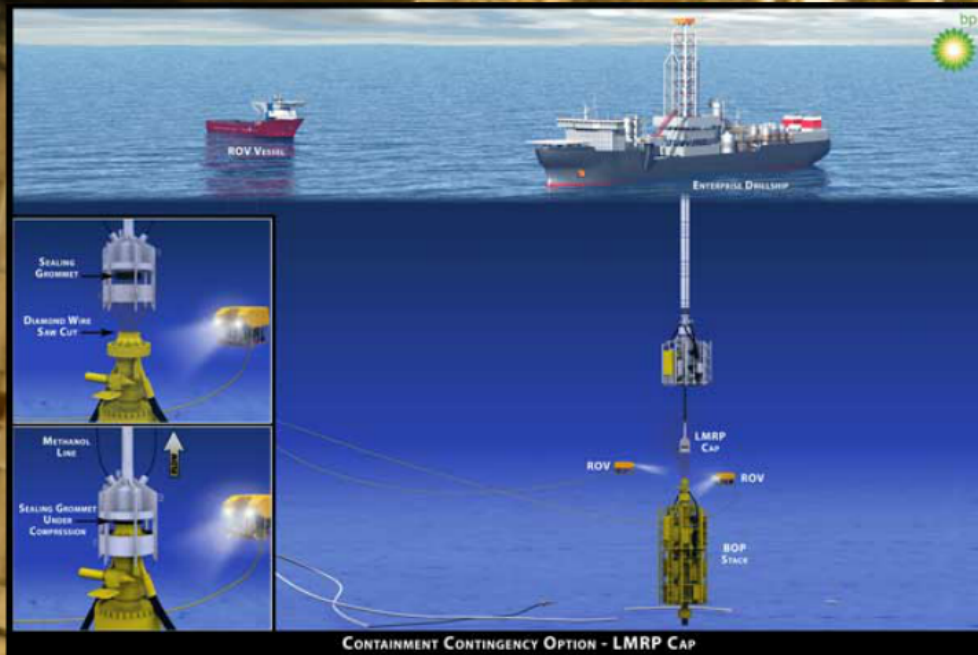
- Gulf of Mexico

# Problem Description

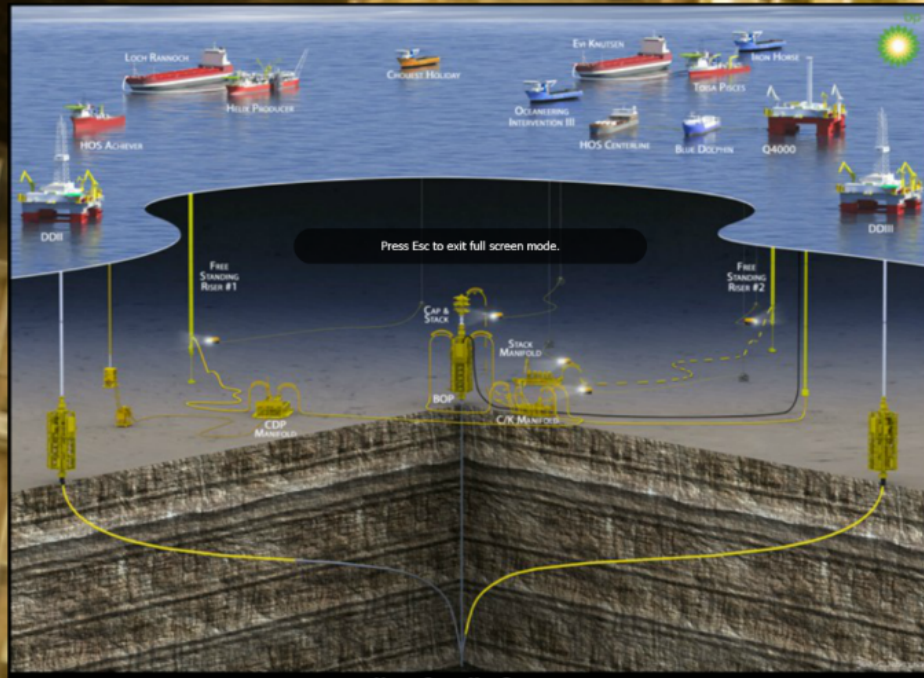
- The Deepwater Horizon was a 9-year-old semi-submersible mobile offshore drilling unit
- Workers complaints
- 9:45 pm on April, 2010, explosion
- 11 workers missing
- April 22 sank

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# Investigation

## The National Commission on the Spill

- 5 January 2011 **Thecasesolutions.com**
- BP, Halliburton, Transocean worked at cheaper cost
- Decisions made contributed to Macondo explosion
- Concluded the incident was avoidable

## US Government Report

- September 2011
- Primarily blamed BP, Transocean and Halliburton  
partial blame
- Faulty cement job as the main cause