

The Explosion Onboard Transocean's Deepwater Horizon Drilling Rig: Facts and Figures

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Date of the explosion and fire onboard Transocean's Deepwater Horizon drilling rig in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico: [4/20/2010](#)

Distance of the rig, which was being used by BP, from the Louisiana coast when the disaster occurred: [41 miles](#)

Size of the crew at the time of the blast: [126](#)

Number of crew members who remain missing: [11](#)

Date on which a lawsuit was filed by a missing worker's wife claiming negligence on the part of Transocean, BP and Halliburton, which was cementing the well when the explosion occurred: [4/27/2010](#)

Number of deaths associated with offshore drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico since 2001: [69](#)

Number of injuries: [1,349](#)

Number of reports issued by the U.S. Minerals Management Service documenting non-compliant offshore drilling operations: [150](#)

Time period during which MMS said it saw "no discernible improvement by industry" in terms of safety: [7 years](#)

Frequency with which MMS wants operators to have their safety programs audited: [every 3 years](#)

Number of letters oil companies have sent protesting the proposed regulations, citing the expense: [over 100](#)

Profits earned by BP in 2009: [\\$14 billion](#)

Number of oil spills of over 2,100 gallons that have occurred in the Gulf over the past decade: [172](#)

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's current estimate of the amount of oil being leaked from the Gulf disaster site: [5,000 barrels a day](#)

Factor by which that surpasses the previous estimate: [5 times](#)

Square miles the slick is now covering: [more than 2,200](#)

Date on which cleanup crews conducted a “controlled burn” to help reduce risks from the oil slick: [4/28](#)

Date on which official forecasts say the oil slick may begin impacting the Louisiana shoreline: [4/30](#)

Number of Louisiana fishermen who packed a meeting this morning to help pinpoint locations for oil containment rings: [nearly 200](#)

Rank of the threatened area among those with the largest total seafood landings in the lower 48 states: [1](#)

Percent of the nation’s wild shrimp crop the area produces: [50](#)

Number of species put in harm’s way by the spill: [more than 400](#)

Current estimated cost of the disaster: [at least \\$1 billion](#)

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