The Macondo Well

Deepwater Horizon
April 21, 2010
Reports and Website

The National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling ceased operations on March 11, 2011.

As of March 17th 2011, this website is no longer receiving updates. The site will continue to provide access to information about the Commission’s activities and its reports.

All of the Commission’s documents have been transferred to the Office of Fossil Energy in the Department of Energy.

The Commission’s Final Report

Printed copies of the report can be obtained from The Government Printing Office, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble.

Multimedia Preservation of the Commission’s Findings and Recommendations

Chief Counsel’s Report

www.oilspillcommission.gov
Key Findings on Causes of Explosion

- The Deepwater Horizon disaster was foreseeable and preventable

- The immediate causes of the Macondo well blowout can be traced to a series of identifiable mistakes made by BP, Halliburton, and Transocean

- The Decisions made by these companies reveal such systemic failures in risk management that they place in doubt the safety culture of the entire industry.
Commission’s Recommendations

A. Improving the safety of offshore operations
B. Safeguarding the environment
C. Strengthening oil spill response, planning and capacity
D. Advancing well-containment capabilities
E. Overcoming impacts of the spill and restoring the Gulf
F. Ensuring financial responsibility
G. Promoting Congressional engagement to ensure responsible drilling
H. Moving to frontier areas