



Gulf of Mexico Rig fire

Date Of Incident: 22.04.10

Location : Gulf of Mexico

Description of the accident:

Last night, an oil rig explosion at an off shore drilling platform in the Gulf of Mexico severely injured 7 workers, and left 11 missing.

Many of the rig's 126 people on board were able to escape safely without harm. The owners of the drilling platform are hoping that the missing individuals are somewhere on a life raft. They are scouring the area in search of a life raft.

Currently the Deepwater Horizon fire is still blazing, and there's no sign of when it is going to stop. The rig was drilling for BP, and is owned by Transocean, which is a Swiss company that is also the world's largest offshore drilling company.

The rig is now leaning and there's a sense of urgency as there is a strong risk that it will fall into the ocean.

No. of persons Injured:

Approximately 11 died and so many people injured.

Potential Root Cause:

Unknown.

Other possible news about the incident:

The submerged well could be creating a major environmental problem, potentially spewing up to 8,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

As cleanup efforts ramped up, government and company officials said they planned to get to the bottom of what caused the explosion.

Since 2001, there have been 69 offshore deaths, 1,349 injuries and 858 fires and explosions in the Gulf, according to the federal Minerals Management Service.

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