

Lesson #1

Attachments

The Hook

1. BP Oil Spill Chronology
2. Photo of BP Oil Spill
3. Collective Responsibility Cartoon

CHRONOLOGY – U.S. response to BP oil spill
Here is a chronology of the oil spill and its ensuing response by the federal government and companies involved:

April 20, 2010 - Reports fire onboard its drilling rig Deepwater Horizon in the United States Gulf of Mexico, 41 miles offshore Louisiana. Out of a crew of 126 workers 11 are reported missing and 17 injured.

April 23 – U.S. coastguards suspend rescue operations with 11 workers still missing.

April 26 – Underwater robots detect that the well is leaking 1,000 barrels of oil per day.

April 28 - The Department of the Interior and Department of Homeland Security announce a joint enquiry into the explosion and sinking of the Transocean Deepwater Horizon. The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources also announce investigations.

- BP operating with U.S. Coast Guard conducts a burn on parts of oil spill to contain the spread. U.S. Coast Guard says that 5,000 barrels of oil per day could be leaking into the ocean.

April 29 – U.S. President Obama holds BP responsible for funding the cost of clean-up operations and promises use of every single available resource, including potentially the Department of Defense.

April 30 – Obama curtails new offshore drilling leases until the cause of the Deepwater Horizon accident is known.

- BP announces it will compensate claims for damages and will pay for the clean-up.

May 2 – Obama surveys the damage at gulf coast.

May 3 – White House vows to keep pressure on BP to make sure it pays up costs relating to oil spill.

May 11 - BP, Transocean and Halliburton appear at congressional hearings in Washington where they are criticized for their safety records. The executives blame each other's companies for the spill.

May 14 - Democratic Representative Edward Markey chairman of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Energy and Environment, questions BP's estimates about the spill.

May 15 – Obama denounces finger-pointing by BP Plc, Transocean Ltd. and Halliburton Co. over the oil spill and vow to end the “cozy relationship” between companies and the agency that permits them to drill.

- Obama administration demands public clarification from BP CEO Tony Hayward over its commitment to pay damages.

May 16 – BP responds to clarification requests by saying its statements to date are consistent with its liability to pay for damages.

May 17 – U.S. Labour Department says BP has “systematic safety problems” at its refineries.

<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/24074/20100518/chronology-u-s-response-to-bp-oil-spill.htm>

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