

# The Macondo Well



*Deepwater Horizon  
April 21, 2010*

# Oil Spill Commission



# Reports and Website

The screenshot shows the website for the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. At the top left is the OSC logo. The main title is "National Commission on the BP DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL AND OFFSHORE DRILLING". A search bar is on the right. Below the title is a navigation menu with "About", "Meetings", "Resources", and "Reports". A "SHARE" button with social media icons is also present. The main content area features a large heading: "The National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling ceased operations on March 11, 2011." Below this is a grey box with text: "As of March 11th 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." Three report covers are displayed: "The Commission's Final Report" (cover: DEEP WATER: The Gulf Oil Disaster and the Future of Offshore Drilling), "Multimedia Presentation of the Commission's Findings and Recommendations" (cover: the GULF SPILL), and "Chief Counsel's Report" (cover: Macondo). Below the reports are three buttons: "Recommendations Summary", "Staff Working Papers", and "Congressional Testimony". At the bottom of the page is the URL "OILSPILLCOMMISSION.GOV" and a footer with "About", "Meetings", "News", "Resources", and "Reports" links.

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# 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**



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