

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
GULF OF MEXICO REGION
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **09-MAY-2006** TIME: **0641** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **BP Exploration & Oil Inc.**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Scherie Douglas**

TELEPHONE: **(281) 366-6843**

3. LEASE: **G17003**

AREA: **WR** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **544** LONGITUDE:

4. PLATFORM:

RIG NAME: **DIAMOND OCEAN CONFIDENCE**

5. ACTIVITY: EXPLORATION(POE)
 DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION
(DOCD/POD)

6. TYPE: FIRE
 EXPLOSION
 BLOWOUT
 COLLISION
 INJURY NO. _____
 FATALITY NO. _____
 POLLUTION
 OTHER _____

7. OPERATION: PRODUCTION
 DRILLING
 WORKOVER
 COMPLETION
 MOTOR VESSEL
 PIPELINE SEGMENT NO. _____
 OTHER _____

8. CAUSE: EQUIPMENT FAILURE
 HUMAN ERROR
 EXTERNAL DAMAGE
 SLIP/TRIP/FALL
 WEATHER RELATED
 LEAK
 UPSET H2O TREATING
 OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
 OTHER _____

9. WATER DEPTH: **6832** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **190** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION:
SPEED: M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION:
SPEED: M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: FT.

16. OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE/
SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
Brett Cocales

CONTRACTOR: **Diamond Offshore Drilling,
Inc.**

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/
SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
Tim Gibson

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

A circulation pump was being used to a transfer Synthetic Based Drilling Mud from one tank to another for future operational needs. The rigs normal mud circulation pump was used to transfer these fluids. During the transfer rig personnel noticed that the receiving tank was not rising while the pump was running. The pump was stopped after running approximately 9 minutes. It was found that a valve was left open that allowed 213 Barrels of Synthetic Based Drilling Mud to be pump into the Gulf during this operation.

To transfer the synthetic base mud from pit to pit a valve needs to be opened on the line that connects both pits together. By error, personnel opened the valve to the saltwater wash pit, which discharges overboard. (Note: only 107 BBLs of synthetic based mud was oil).

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

The cause of this event, were rig personnel not checking and walking through the pathways and valving before this transfer was performed, thus allowing the Synthetic Based Drilling Mud to be pumped into the Gulf.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

N/A

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

N/A

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

Due to the nature of this incident, the Houma District has no recommendations to the Regional Office.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: **NO**

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Brad Hunter /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Michael J. Saucier

APPROVED

DATE: **27-JUN-2006**

