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)

6. TYPE: FIRE

7. OPERATION: DRILLING

8. CAUSE: HUMAN ERROR

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 transfer Synthetic Based Drilling Mud from one tank to another for future operational needs. The rig's 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 for approximately 9 minutes. It was found that a valve was left open that allowed 213 Barrels of Synthetic Based Drilling Mud to be pumped 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

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE 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

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:
   Michael J. Saucier

APPROVED
DATE: 27-JUN-2006
POLLUTION ATTACHMENT

1. VOLUME: GAL 213 BBL
   YARDS LONG X YARDS WIDE

APPEARANCE:

2. TYPE OF HYDROCARBON RELEASED: □ OIL
   □ DIESEL
   □ CONDENSATE
   □ HYDRAULIC
   □ NATURAL GAS
   □ OTHER 107 bbls of actual oil

3. SOURCE OF HYDROCARBON RELEASED: Mud Pit Tank

4. WERE SAMPLES TAKEN? NO

5. WAS CLEANUP EQUIPMENT ACTIVATED? NO

   IF SO, TYPE: □ SKIMMER
   □ CONTAINMENT BOOM
   □ ABSORPTION EQUIPMENT
   □ DISPERSANTS
   □ OTHER

6. ESTIMATED RECOVERY: GAL BBL

7. RESPONSE TIME: HOURS

8. IS THE POLLUTION IN THE PROXIMITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (CLASS I)? NO

9. HAS REGION OIL SPILL TASK FORCE BEEN NOTIFIED? NO

10. CONTACTED SHORE: NO IF YES, WHERE:

11. WERE ANY LIVE ANIMALS OBSERVED NEAR: NO

12. WERE ANY OILED OR DEAD ANIMALS OBSERVED NEAR SPILL: NO