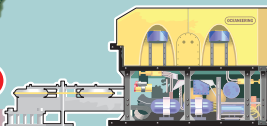


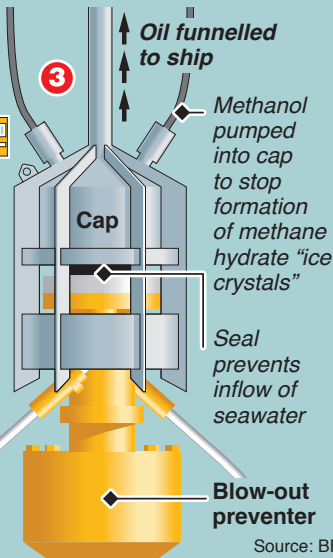
BP prepares next bid to stop oil flow

In a new attempt to curb the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP is to lower a containment cap over its leaking well in the hope that most of the oil can be piped to the surface. But this could initially increase the flow and success is not guaranteed

2 Diamond wire saw installed on robot submarine slices remaining pipe from top of blow-out preventer, making clean cut



3 Containment cap placed over sheared blow-out. New pipe will carry captured oil up to ship



Collapsed riser

Blow-out preventer

Well

1 Remote operated hydraulic shear cuts collapsed riser still attached to blow-out preventer

BP says operation has never before been carried out at this depth