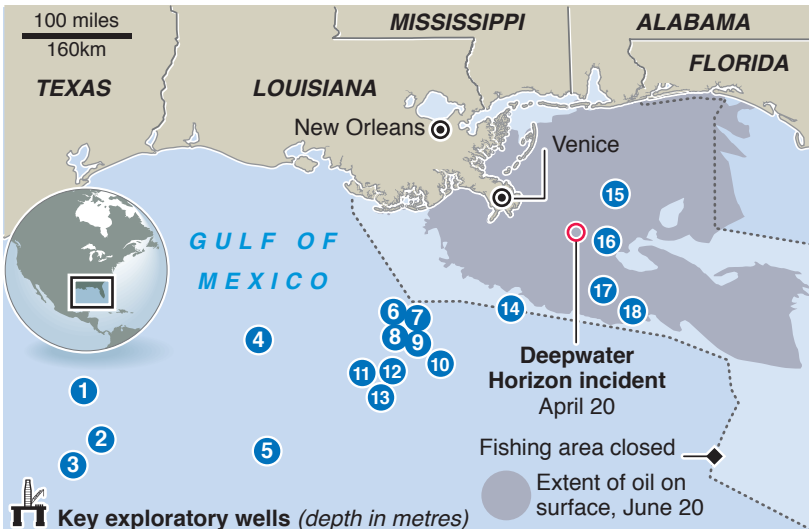


Fight over deepwater oil drilling ban

President Barack Obama intends to appeal against a federal judge's ruling overturning a six-month ban on deepwater offshore drilling imposed in the wake of the BP oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico



Key exploratory wells (depth in metres)

1. Exxon Mobil	1,464	7. Chevron	789	13. Anadarko	1,611
2. Shell	2,374	8. Shell	988	14. Shell	1,231
3. Shell	2,382	9. Murphy	1,021	15. Chevron	535
4. Shell	872	10. Anadarko	1,606	16. Noble	1,981
5. Chevron	2,002	11. Noble	1,536	17. Anadarko	2,374
6. Shell	910	12. Chevron	1,308	18. Shell	1,613
Total exploratory wells affected		Daily cost to lease each rig		Total oil and natural gas platforms in Gulf	
33		\$250,000-\$500,000		3,600	
Number of workers per rig		Average weekly wage per worker		Jobs directly related to offshore drilling	
800-1,400		\$1,800		150,000	