



“Bottom kill” bid to cap oil well

Almost 5,500 metres below the Gulf of Mexico, engineers drilling a relief well must hit a steel pipe that is just 178mm in diameter. Using a technique known as bottom kill they will cut into the casing of BP's leaking Macondo well, then pump seven million litres of super-heavy “drilling mud” into the well to counter the pressure of oil and gas, before sealing it with cement



Discoverer Enterprise

Collecting oil and gas from Macondo well

Development Driller II
Relief well started May 16

Development Driller III
Relief well started May 2

