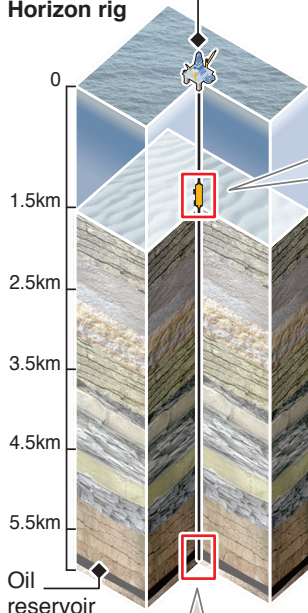


# BP oil spill report spreads the blame

BP blames a poor cement job, mistakes by contractors, and other failures for the deadly Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. In an internal investigation the company admits partial responsibility for the disaster, but also places blame on other companies working on the well

Deepwater Horizon rig



## BLOW-OUT PREVENTER

Three methods for operating BOP in emergency mode failed

### 1. Emergency disconnect system:

Rig-operated EDS failed when activated

### 2. Control pods:

Fault in critical solenoid valve and batteries with insufficient charge likely stopped automatic mode function which would have activated BOP

### 3. Blind shear ram:

Attempt by remotely operated vehicle to initiate autoshear function failed

