



# Hercules drilling rig blowout

What happened at the Hercules 265 drill rig?

July 24, 2013 @3:58 pm - Around midday yesterday, (Tuesday, July 23) a natural gas blowout occurred at a jackup drill rig, the Hercules 265, operating in shallow water in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana (South Timbalier Block 220). All of the workers -- more than 40 -- were safely evacuated.

How did surface drifters respond to the Hercules 265 blowout?

A coordinated rapid response to the Hercules 265 incident [Joye et al., 2014] resulted in deployment of surface drifters to track water masses in the vicinity of the Hercules rig following its blowout and to guide the collection of sediment and biological samples for assessment of potential contamination levels.

Why did the Hercules 265 blowout occur?

The Hercules 265 blowout in 2013 occurred against a backdrop of significant oil pollution on the northern GoM continental shelf from the 2010 DWH spill [Lubchenco et al., 2012; Ylitalo et al., 2012; Romero et al., 2015; Murawski et al., 2014] and offshore petroleum production since the 1970s.

What direction did the Hercules blowout flow?

A surface drifter study confirmed that surface ocean water flowed to the southeast of the Hercules site, while the atmospheric plume generated by the blowout was in eastward direction.

Are biomarkers a petrogenic input from the Hercules 265 blowout?

The lack of trend with distance from the Hercules 265 site for hydrocarbons such as biomarkers and LMW PAHs in recently deposited sediments indicates a negligible petrogenic input from the blowout.

Did a slick rig release hydrocarbons from a burning rig?

Overflights (undertaken by Ms. Bonny Schumaker, On Wings of Care, Inc., and the U.S. Coast Guard) documented a slick or sheen of hydrocarbons releasing from the burning rig running roughly SE.

From a drilling safety standpoint, jack-up rigs are inherently more dangerous than floating rigs for two main reasons. First, if the well blows out and catches fire, there's no way...

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The purpose of this study was to determine the area of potential environmental impact resulting from the Hercules 265 incident by tracking atmospheric transport of smoke from the burning rig ...

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An anonymous gCaptain source gave us the second-hand run down of what transpired on board the Hercules 265 when at 0845 on July 23, well A-3 blew out at South ...

A partially collapsed, burnt-out rig is all that is left of jack-up rig 265. This latest accident is yet another reminder of the dangers of working on an off...

Despite attempts to control the well with the BOP, the natural gas continued to flow, forcing the rig crew of 44 to evacuate using the rig's life boats. Some crew members suffered ...

The Norwegian owners of two state-of-the-art deepwater drilling rigs are working hard to secure new contracts for the units which are currently unemployed despite their excellent track ...

The workers were aboard a portable drilling rig known as a jackup rig, owned by Hercules, which was a contractor for exploration and production company Walter Oil & Gas Corp. Walter Oil & ...

The Well Control System or the Blowout Prevention System on a drilling rig is the system that prevents the uncontrolled, catastrophic release of high-pressure ...

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The dispute originated from a catastrophic blowout in 2013 on the HERCULES 265 drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico. Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, along with its insurers and other ...

According to Reuters, "Hercules Offshore, which owns the jackup rig that was drilling to prepare the Walter Oil & Gas well for production, said the company was working to regain control of ...

The Hercules 265 rig, mat-supported, cantilevered jack-up platform, was not in production at the time of the fire but drilling was ongoing to prepare the rig to resume operations. The site is ...

A Gulf of Mexico drilling rig partially collapsed off the coast of Louisiana after catching fire because of a ruptured natural gas well, U.S. ...

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Hercules 265, a jack-up rig that was working on an old gas well in the South Timbalier Block, on fire today after it suffered a blow-out yesterday ...

Crew members aboard the Hercules 265 were preparing the well for production when they hit an unexpected pocket of gas. No injuries were reported. Officials had said earlier ...

A Hercules Offshore (Nasdaq: HERO) jackup caught fire at 10:50 p.m. July 23 as the rig suffered a blowout in the Gulf of Mexico and began ...

Tuesday's blowout occurred near an unmanned offshore gas platform that was not currently producing natural gas, said Angelico. The workers were aboard a portable drilling rig known as ...

SFL Corporation Ltd. (NYSE: SFL) ("SFL" or the "Company") announced today that it has signed a drilling contract in Canada with a subsidiary of Equinor ASA for the harsh ...

Hercules Offshore is a leading provider of offshore contract drilling, liftboat and inland barge services with operations in ten countries on four ...

Hercules is currently employed on a bareboat charter with Seadrill Limited, expected to be finalized in late fourth quarter 2022. Odfjell Drilling will manage the rig on our ...



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