



**STOP OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE ATLANTIC  
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**The truth about spills  
and leaks from offshore  
oil & gas drilling**



***Offshore oil drilling is a dangerous, accident-prone industry which can never be made 100% safe; there will always be leaks and spills.  
If you drill, you spill.***

*The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management reports in 2016 alone, there were 497 accidents (damages, injuries and spills) involving all offshore oil rigs.*

***In 2005, hurricanes Katrina and Rita damaged or destroyed 114 rigs in the Gulf.***

**Data from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement tells the truth about spills and leaks from offshore drilling in U.S. waters<sup>1</sup>:**

<b>REASON</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>GALLONS SPILLED (1964-2012)</b>
Collisions	4	141,312
Equipment Failure	113	8,206,170
External Forces	29	14,457,696
Human Error*	62	210,776,352
*(Includes 210,000,000 gals spilled by the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon exploratory well)		
Intentional Release	1	2,448
Weather	138	4,677,888
<b>ALL CAUSES</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>238,261,866</b>

<sup>1</sup>Source: BSEE OC Spill Database, January 2013