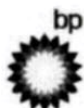


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7.1. **Worst-Case Scenario Determination** - A comparison of the appropriate worst-case scenario from BP's approved regional OSRP with the worst-case scenario from the proposed activities in this Exploration Plan is provided in the table below. The proposed activities are within ten miles seaward of the coastline therefore the "near-shore" worst-case scenario is provided as well as the "exploration" worst-case scenario.

Category	Regional OSRP (Exploration)	EP
Type of Activity	Exploration Drilling	Exploration Drilling
Facility Location	MC 727	MC 252
Facility Designation	MODU	MODU
Distance to Nearest Shoreline	50	49 miles
Volume Uncontrolled Blowout (per day)	300,000	162,000
Type of Oil(s)	Crude Oil	Crude Oil
API Gravity	28°	33° (estimated)

Since BP Exploration & Production Inc. has the capability to respond to the appropriate worst-case spill scenario included in its regional OSRP approved on November 14, 2008, and since the worst-case scenario determined for our Exploration Plan does not replace the appropriate worst-case scenario in our regional OSRP, I hereby certify that BP Exploration & Production Inc. has the capability to respond, to the maximum extent practicable, to a worst-case discharge, or a substantial threat of such a discharge, resulting from the activities proposed in our Exploration Plan.