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- Minimize primary well control escalation to ensure minimum damage to the well, rig, surface facilities and location. Establish levels and definitions of Well Control Incidents to avoid arbitrary decisions of when to call the Incident Management System activated.

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5.2 Document Objectives

The objective of this Guide is to provide clear concise instructions to key personnel in the event of a well control incident that are compatible with BP's fixed emergency response system. This will include the call out procedures and Incident Management Team (IMT) formation for a well control emergency. In addition:

- Provide guidelines for BP and contractor staff in response to an emergency well control event.

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