

Emergency Response
Blowout Task Force

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The blowout task force (BTF) must be well organized and adequately staffed with operator and service company personnel who are capable of performing the following:

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Blowouts do not always have a straightforward solution. There are many instances where precise plans can not be formulated until certain information is obtained. Thus, it is important that the BTF be capable of formulating feasible strategies based on experience and judgment.

Adequate experience allows the BTF to constantly monitor the intervention and identify possible problems. Alternative plans can be developed in case the situation changes and can be implemented with minimum delay.

Direct intervention

The organizational structure of the BTF for a major deepwater blowout should provide for the management of direct intervention activities and simultaneous relief well operations (in addition to the other non-operational duties).