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- Geography
- Water depth
- Water current
- Wellbore conditions
- Rig availability

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For the purposes of this report, the vertical intervention will be performed from a non-removable vessel. Both guidelines and guidelines concerning intervention equipment is addressed. Also described are simple modifications that require minimal modification costs and could be incorporated into present drilling equipment to facilitate vertical intervention procedures.

7.2 FACTORS INFLUENCING VERTICAL INTERVENTION METHODS

Several factors can influence planning and executing vertical intervention procedures. Some of these are discussed below. The degree of influence of each depends on the location of the blowout and the specific circumstances associated with it.

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