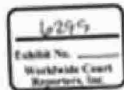


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As seen many projects has been undertaken to guide us into the ultra-deep waters. What about blowout containment procedures..... Have they been keeping up with the current technology?

The last major work completed on deepwater blowout control was DEA 63, completed in 1990.

It was good work, but the work never considered drilling in water depths greater than 3500'.

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No blowout has yet occurred in ultra-deep water (water depths of 5000ft or greater) but statistics show it is likely to happen. Are we ready to handle it?

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