The U.S. knew of Gulf oil spill risk a decade ago. A decade ago, U.S. government regulators warned that a major deepwater oil spill could start with a fire on a drilling rig, prove hard to stop and cause extensive damage to fish eggs and wetlands because there were few good ways to capture oil underwater. The disaster scenario -- contained in a May 2000 offshore drilling plan for the Shell oil company is now a grim reality in the Gulf of Mexico. The greatest irony is that the author of the document was the Interior Department's Minerals Management Service, the regulatory agency that's been so severely criticized after the BP spill for being too cozy with industries it was supposed to be regulating. More <u>here</u>

Also today The Huffington Post has an article decribing in great detail how BP's Approved Spill Plan was <u>"Riddled With Omissions and Glaring Errors."</u>

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