

**U.S. Chemical Safety and
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Chairmen Henry A. Waxman and Bart Stupak
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6115

Dear Chairmen Waxman and Stupak,

As requested, I have attached the U.S. Chemical Safety Board's (CSB) scoring of the BP/Deepwater Horizon/Transocean incident that occurred on April 20, 2010. I have attached a copy of the incident score sheet and Board Order 036 which describes the ten factors considered when scoring an incident. Please be advised that the scoring criteria in Board Order 036 were designed to score on-shore incidents and therefore the CSB needed to apply additional judgment in scoring this incident.

The CSB score for this incident is 4.8 (High). It received the same score as the 2005 BP Texas City refinery incident. Along with the BP Texas City incident, it is the highest scoring incident in the CSB screening database. Below is a table of scores for various incidents that the CSB has recently investigated.

Company	Incident Date	Numerical Score	Overall Score
BP Texas City	3/23/2005	4.8	High
Xcel Energy	10/3/2007	1.5	Med/Low
T2 Laboratories	12/19/2007	2.5	Med/High
Imperial Sugar	2/8/2008	3.4	High
Silver Eagle Refining	1/12/2009	2.6	Med/High
Veolia Environmental Services	5/4/2009	2.5	Med/High
TEPPCO Partners LP	5/12/2009	2.5	Med/High
ConAgra, Garner NC	6/9/2009	2.7	Med/High
Tesoro Salt Lake City	10/21/2009	1.6	Med/Low
Silver Eagle Refining	11/4/2009	2.2	Med/High
NDK America	12/7/2009	2.9	Med/High
Kleen Energy	2/7/2010	2.7	Med/High
Tesoro-Anacortes, WA	4/2/2010	3.1	High
BP/Transocean/Deepwater Horizon	4/20/2010	4.8	High

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Please note that the CSB has not previously released Board Order 036 and the incident scoring sheet to the public and I ask that you consult with me before disseminating it.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Daniel Horowitz at 202-261-7613.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Bresland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "B".

John S. Bresland
Chairman and CEO

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations