

UK watchdog 'rapped Transocean'

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upstreamonline.com The UK's Health & Safety Executive (HSE) issued drilling giant Transocean with improvement notices in 2005 and 2006, criticising operations related to the testing of blowout preventers (BOPs) on two of the company's units operating off the UK at the time, it emerged today.

The news comes as Transocean and UK supermajor BP battle a blowout which occurred while one of the drilling giant's semi-submersibles was drilling on the BP-operated Mississippi Canyon Block 252, in the Gulf of Mexico.

In a notice issued in [June 2006](#), the HSE said: "The multi-purpose tool used in blow-out preventer pressure testing was not so constructed as to be suitable for the purpose for which it was provided: and failed in service, exposing persons to risks that endangered their safety."

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