

FRED BARTLIT AND SEAN GRIMSLEY PRESENT PRELIMINARY FINDINGS TO BP OIL SPILL COMMISSION



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Chief Counsel Fred Bartlit, along with Deputy Chief Counsels Sean Grimsley and Sambhav Sankar, over a two-day hearing presented the Commission Staff's preliminary findings regarding the causes of the Gulf Oil Spill. The proceedings were nationally televised, with Fred and Sean cross-examining representatives of BP, Halliburton, and Transocean.

The hearings came ten days after Fred, Sean, and Sambhav issued a letter to the Commission setting forth test results showing that the Halliburton cement slurry pumped at the Macondo well was likely unstable and may have contributed to the blowout.

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