

# Court Hits Anadarko With \$159M Fine for Deepwater Horizon Disaster

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. must pay a \$159.5 million civil fine for its role in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil well whose blowout that caused the largest U.S. offshore oil spill, **reports Reuters.**

But in his ruling, U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier in New Orleans said Anadarko was not at fault for the spill.

His order said “the company’s 25 percent ownership stake in the Macondo well made it part of the “polluting enterprise” responsible for the April 20, 2010, disaster, which began with an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, killing 11 workers.”

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