BP Oil Spill Five Years later: How the Oil Industry Has Changed

Oil industry technology has improved over the last five years since the BP drilling platform explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, writes Mintek Mobile Data Solutions in a paper published on its website.

“Enhanced blow-out protectors, built by BP, are in place to prevent these measures from hopefully not happening at this magnitude, and, even internationally, new technology is being handled remotely to control the oil and gas networks. Also, oil rigs are being secured by energy sectors, but this still doesn’t protect them from cyber-attacks,” the paper says.

“In fact, ‘32% of attacks on critical national infrastructure were targeted on energy firms in 2014.’ This is due to hackers being able to get into the system and override it, however with Government involvement and better maintenance practices in place, we should be able to get our waters to a cleaner state and keep it that way for years to come.”

The paper lists five improvement made to prevent similar disasters in the future.

Read the article.