

Supreme Court Rejects BP Ex-Executive's Appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court declined Jan. 26 to hear an appeal by a former BP Plc executive who contested whether he can be charged with obstruction of Congress for downplaying the severity of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, Reuters reports.

Prosecutors say David Rainey, the company's exploration vice president, misled members of Congress over the amount of oil spilled in the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon incident.

Reuters says Rainey's legal argument on appeal was that the government missed the deadline to file an appeal after a district court judge dismissed his obstruction charge.

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