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[Eric Smith](#), professor of practice and associate director of the [Tulane Energy Institute](#), was interviewed for a [Voice of America](#) story about the impact of the Deepwater Horizon accident 10 years later.

Oil companies, meanwhile, have clear incentives to prevent future spills, according to Smith, who says safety standards have been raised for offshore drilling to protect against another disaster -- not just in the Gulf, but around the world.

“The equipment is just much safer today,” Smith said. “In part because of the [BP] spill, the strictest standards are [found] in the Gulf of Mexico and the North Sea.”

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