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Hello,

Here are my thoughts for the consultation:

Companies should be responsible for cleaning up and compensating for their leaks and spills. If a company can't afford to clean up an accident, it shouldn't be drilling.

Loopholes should be closed. Currently, many offshore rigs dodge wildlife protection standards by operating more than 12 miles offshore. This limitation is arbitrary - existing regulations should be strengthened and cover all drilling operations in EU waters.

EU regulations should be extended to overseas operations of European offshore oil firms. If this rule had been in place in 2010, the Deepwater Horizon disaster would have been subject to EU safety standards. Non-EU government or civil society organisations should be able to raise violations of EU standards in European courts, wherever the company committed the violation.

Companies that don't adhere to EU standards abroad should not be awarded exploration or extraction licenses inside the EU. This is important both for people living outside the EU, and also to protect EU citizens and environment, as a company that applies one set of principles abroad and another set within the EU is not implementing comprehensive best practice.

Thanks,

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