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Mike has worked in the upstream oil and gas industry for 30+ years and is currently BP's Chief Operating Officer for the BP-Gulf Coast Restoration Organization and is BP's lead representative in the Unified Area Command for the Deepwater Horizon Response located in New Orleans. He has been an integral part of BP's response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill since April of 2010.

Mike graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BS in Petroleum Engineering in 1978. Mike started his career with Amoco in a series of drilling, completions, production, facilities and reservoir engineering roles across the western United States from 1977 to 1984.

From late 1984 through to 1989, Mike was the Production Optimization Manager for the joint Amoco-EGPC enterprise (GUPCO) living in Cairo and working in Ras Shukheir, Egypt. Following this international assignment, he returned to the United States where from 1989 to 1998, he held a series of senior management roles in the Gulf of Mexico Shelf and Deepwater Operations for Amoco.

Following the merger of BP and Amoco in 1998, Mike held positions responsible for the Gulf of Mexico Shelf integration. He moved to the UK in 2001 to manage the Southern North Sea and Central North Sea operations. Mike was appointed BP's North Sea Technical Director until his transfer to Anchorage, Alaska as Senior Vice President for BP's Greater Prudhoe Bay Operations in December of 2006. He served in that role until being called in April, 2010 to lead the response efforts in the Deepwater Horizon event.