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Energy and Climate Change Committee
inquiry into UK deepwater drilling -
Memorandum submitted by the National
Audit Office

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Commons Energy and Climate Change select committee to
support its inquiry into the implications of the oil spill in
the Gulf of Mexico for UK deep water drilling.

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As part of its inquiry, the Committee considered the extent to which the existing safety and environmental regulatory regime that applies to UK deepwater drilling was fit for purpose. Drawing on a series of National Audit Office reports on regulation, this briefing sets out the general principles and practices that characterise effective regulation.

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