

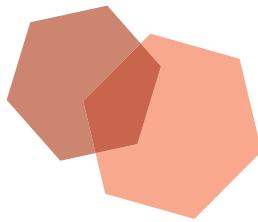
INCIDENT PREVENTION & RESPONSE

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Bracewell's incident response team prepares clients with proportional and integrated response plans for incidents in the chemical, energy, and wastewater sectors. We help clients identify and manage legal risks that arise from explosions, chemical releases, employee fatalities, and other incidents. Our multi-disciplined, rapid-response team of over 40 lawyers, technical consultants, and strategic communication and government relationship professionals work together to meet our clients' needs based upon the direct and collateral consequences of incidents. We work with our clients beginning in the earliest stages to define success, provide a budget, and develop a proportional response appropriate to the issues, expectations, and the legal risks involved.

Our team members have completed a formal incident-response training program, which includes earning AIChE safety and chemical engineering certificates in process safety and risk assessment. Our team includes experienced, nationally-recognized environmental, safety, and defense lawyers, who are skilled in developing and presenting highly technical issues and data to government investigators, judges, and juries. We have extensive experience responding to investigations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Chemical Safety Board (CSB), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the Contra Costa County Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs office (CCHMP), CalOSHA, and state and federal prosecutors.



Team members are located in offices across the United States and able to deploy to a client's incident location within hours.

Our recent notable matters include advising on the following:

Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

various investigations that arose from the Deepwater Horizon explosion, including President Obama's Special Task Force, the U.S. Congress, and the Chemical Safety Board. Bracewell's team brought the matter to a very successful resolution for Halliburton – one that included no criminal charges related to the explosion, the oil spill, or the environmental impacts.

Specialty gas company

investigation by the CSB, OSHA, and state investigators after an explosion caused one fatality

Upstream oil and gas company

internal investigation related to a major fire and fatality at an exploration and production site in the Marcellus shale and investigation by the CSB, OSHA, EPA, and the DEP

Independent oil and gas company

response to a well-control incident, including the subsequent requests for information and investigations by federal and state agencies

Midstream oil and gas company

internal investigation of a workplace safety incident involving serious injuries from a fall at a terminal during rail car loading and investigation by OSHA

Midstream energy company

investigation by U.S. Attorney into an explosion and fire at an oil-reclamation facility in the Bakken shale

Major oil terminal facility

internal investigation into alleged exposure of operator to tank vapors during loading operations

Refining company

EPA and OSHA investigations after a release and explosion resulted in two fatalities and multiple injuries

Major refining and marketing company

OSHA investigation of a tank explosion resulting in a fatality

Major refinery

investigation by CSB, EPA, state, and local agencies related to an explosion and fire

Major refinery

CSB, state, and local investigation of an acid-splash incident

Midstream oil and gas company

development and implementation of an emergency response training program

Major American oil company

internal investigation of process-safety standards and cultural safety issues at a major U.S. refinery

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