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[BHP Biliton Evacuates Neptune](#)

Australian producer BHP-Billiton has removed all personnel from its Neptune tension leg platform (TLP) in the deep-water US Gulf after inspections discovered 'anomalies' in the facility's hull.

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The Mexican newspaper El Universal reported that the Finance Ministry would "reassign" funds the company was planning to use to explore for oil and gas for other programmes.

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"The oil-price slump, along with all the other commodities, resulted from the dollar staging a rally, so the large funds flowed out of the commodities complex," said Victor Shum, senior principal at consultants Purvin & Gertz Inc. in Singapore.



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