WWL-TV: Professor: Rare for Anyone to be on Shallow Water Platforms

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Eric Smith, associate director of the Tulane Energy Institute and professor of practice at the A. B. Freeman School of Business, spoke with WWL-TV's Lauren Gale about oil and gas production in Lake Pontchartrain in the wake of Sunday night's explosion and fire aboard a platform.

> "You don't see permanent crews unless you're pretty far off shore in deep water," Smith said.
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> He thinks because a crew was out on the platform they were doing maintenance on the equipment.
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> "What I suspect happened is you have a contract crew out there doing maintenance and someone cut into the wrong pipe," Smith said.

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