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vapor and liquid was released out of a “blowdown stack” and reached an ignition source, believed to be a pickup truck with its engine running. The 15 contractor employees killed at the BP Texas City refinery were located in temporary trailers approximately 150 feet from the blowdown stack.

- The deceased were Glenn Bolton, Lorena Cruz-Alexander, Rafael Herrera, Daniel Hogan, Jimmy Hunnings, Morris King, Larry Linsenbardt, Arthur Ramos, Ryan Rodriguez, James Rowe, Linda Rowe, Kimberly Smith, Susan Taylor, Larry Thomas, and Eugene White. The explosion also caused the injuries to over 170 other workers at the Texas City refinery.
- BP admitted that beginning in 1999 and continuing through the morning of March 23, 2005, several procedures required under the provision of the Clean Air Act specifically enacted to prevent accidental releases that are known or may reasonably be anticipated to cause death, injury or serious adverse

effects to human health or the environment had either not been established or were being ignored. Operators, with the knowledge of supervisors, regularly failed to follow written standard operating procedures that required sending excess hydrocarbons to a flare where they could be safely burned off before being released to the open air.

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