Flow from a production wellhead or a BOP

It is highly probable that any subsea blowout will be flowing from either a production wellhead or a BOP. It is difficult to imagine that a riser system will remain intact or that a drilling rig associated with a riser system could remain on location in the event of a major flow.

Emergency Response
Vertical Intervention: Example Scenarios

- Disabled rig (semi-submersible) can be moved from location
- The riser has been severed or disconnected
- The well may be flowing through the BOPs, riser joint, severed riser end, and drillpipe
- BOPs are listing
- ROV tether damage

An illustration is shown in Figure 4-5 on the following page.