The head of the agency, Elizabeth Birnbaum, responsible for oversight of offshore drilling was fired.

News Alert: Elizabeth Birnbaum fired as director of the U.S. Minerals Management Service 10:36 AM EDT Thursday, May 27, 2010
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The Obama administration has fired the head of the U.S. Minerals Management Service in response to blistering criticism over lax oversight of offshore drilling, the Associated Press reports.

Elizabeth “Liz” Birnbaum had run the service in the Interior Department since July 2009.

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It's the 'political' solution. When being criticized fire some scapegoat.

Search term: birnbaum fired It seemed pretty straightforward. I gave it a try and was surprised by the results. There were 539 tweets and everyone was post announcement of her firing. That is the same number of messages as those about extending the moratorium on drilling, which I find extraordinary.

Well the first search produced 539 tweets, and it was 'clean' -- none about something else.

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