Hurricane Recovery Status and Future of the Gulf

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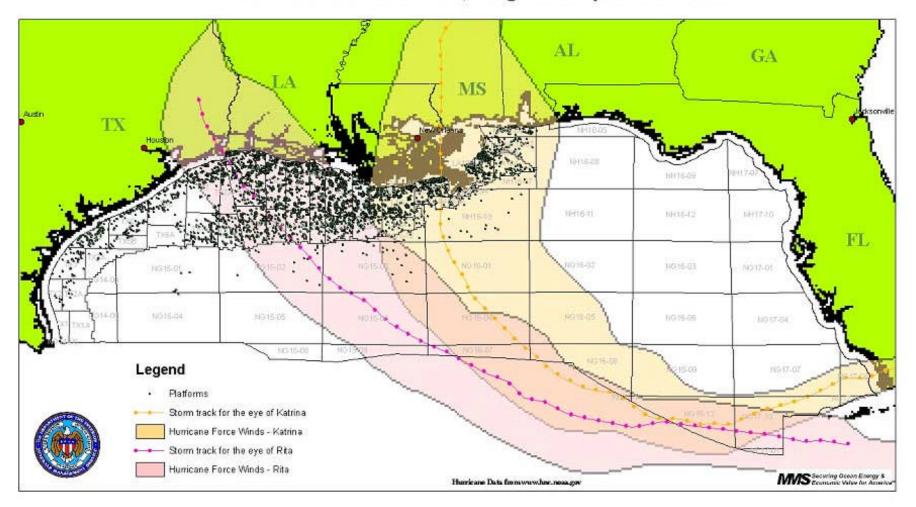
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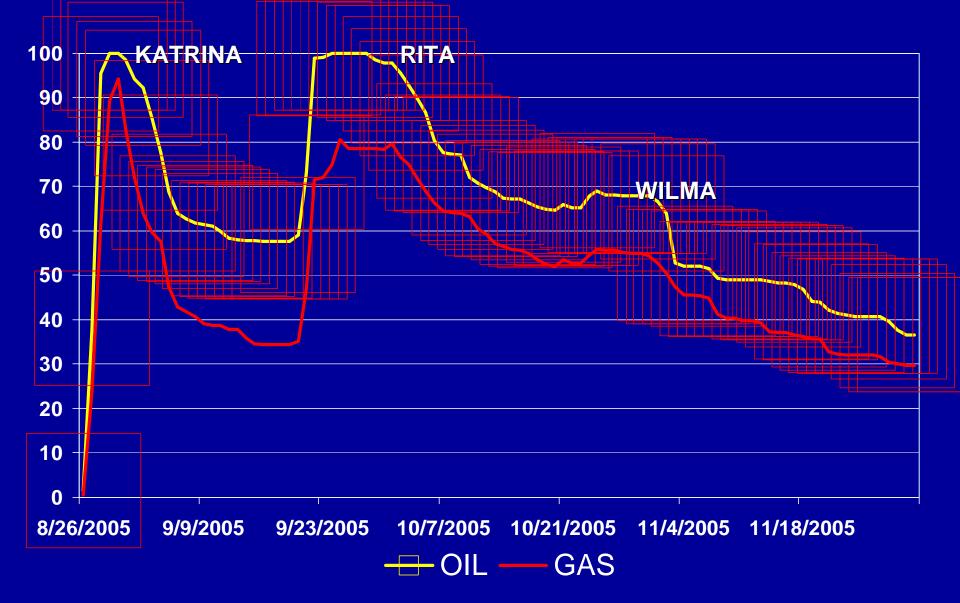
2005 HURRICANE SEASON (To Date)



Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, August - September 2005



Percentage of GOM Production Shut-in



Damaged & Destroyed Platforms

| | Katrina | Rita |
|---------------------|---------|------|
| Destroyed | 47 | 66 |
| Extensive Damage | 20 | 32 |



Major Issues in Hurricane

 MODU's adrift are not acceptable
 19 MODU's were set adrift from hurricanes Katrina and Rita
 Secretary of DOI met with companies Nov. 17 to discuss changes

Other Changes?

Examine structural standards
Mud slides
More reporting?

MMS COOP Operation

With the approach of Hurricane Katrina, MMS mobilized its continuity of operations plan (COOP).
 A small temporary office was created in Houston to monitor the storm damage and direct operations. Most MMS District operations offices were not affected.

With the massive damage in New Orleans MMS mobilized first 50 employees and then 150 to conduct continuity of operations in Houston

On October 28 MMS reoccupied part of its New Orleans Office and all employees reported back to work

The Regional Office with 150 employees remains in Houston while the New Orleans office is rebuilt.



New Developments in the Gulf of Mexico

Energy Bill Provisions that Will Affect Lease Sales

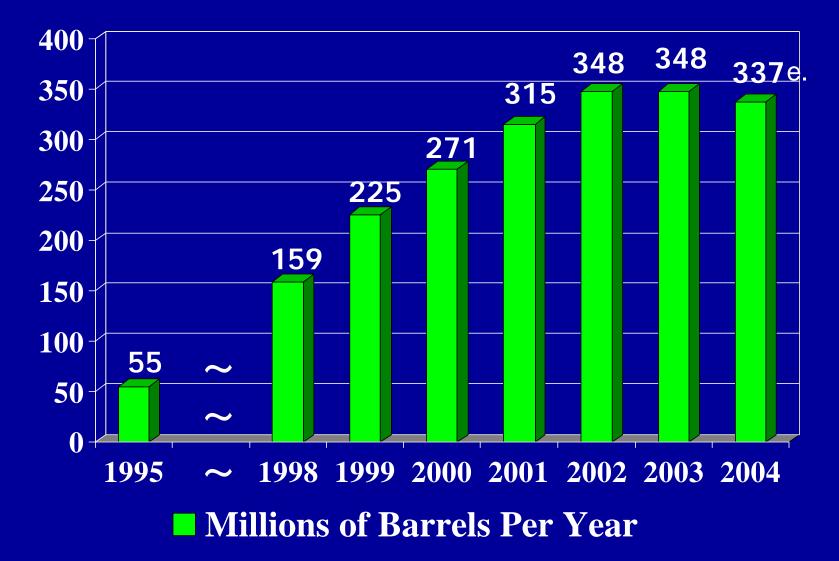
Added a third tier of royalty relief for deep gas drilling in 0 - 200m of water

Added three tiers of royalty relief for deep gas drilling in 200 - 400m of water

Added a royalty relief level in deep water 16 mmboe in depths greater than 2000m

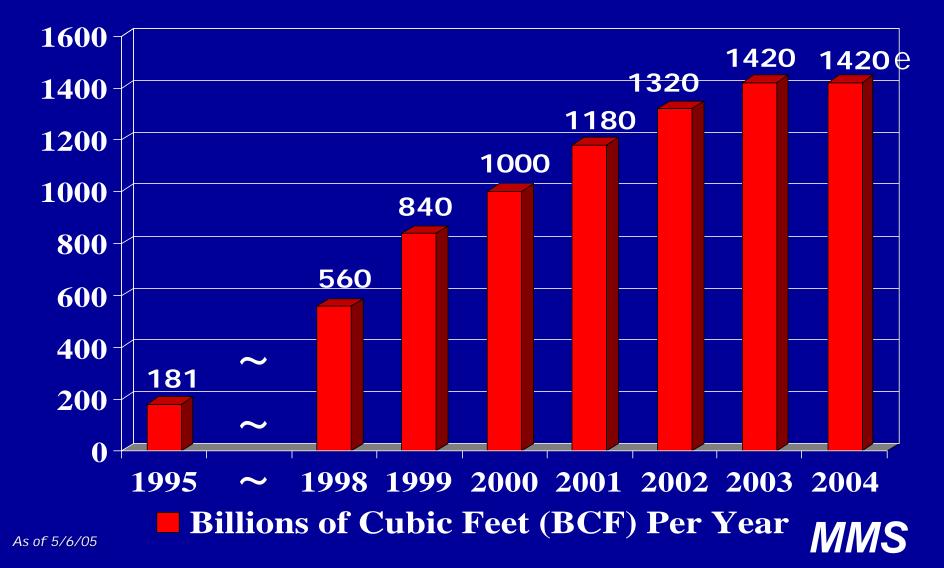
GOM Production has been significantly lowered due to hurricanes in 2004 and 2005

Gulf of Mexico Deep Water Oil Production





Gulf of Mexico Deep Water Gas Production

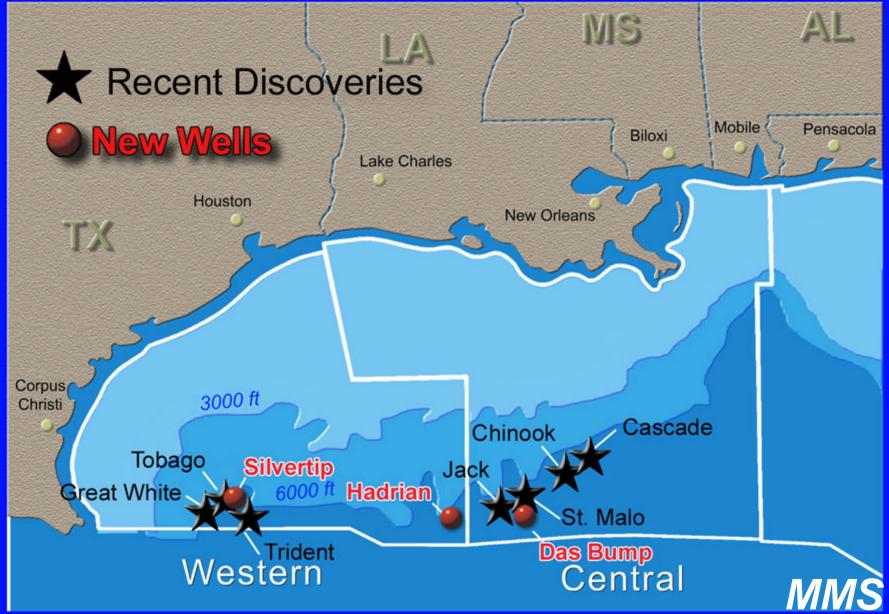


New developments suggest a bright future for the Gulf

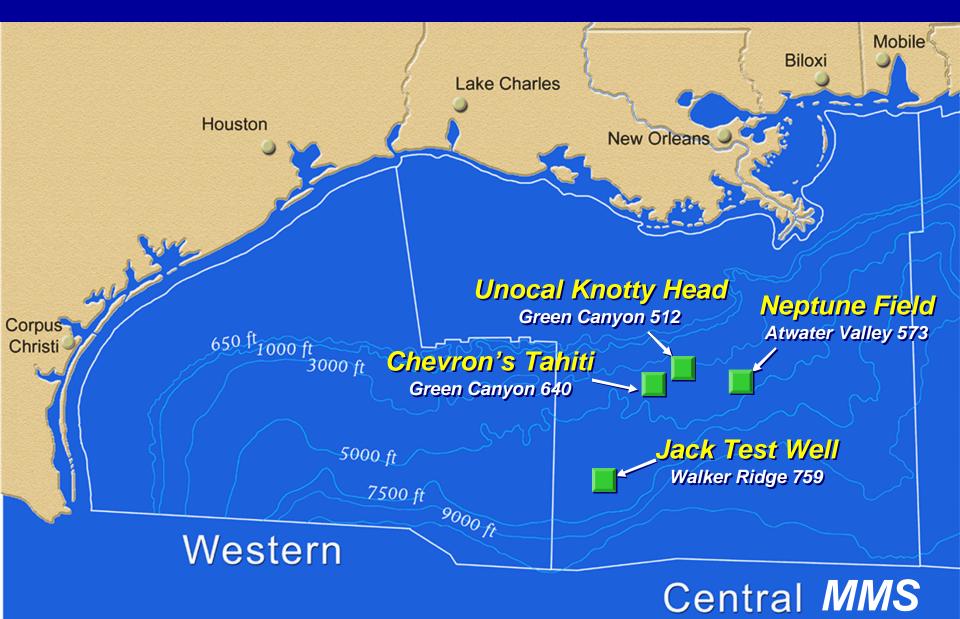
| Gulf Deep Prospect | Water Disc Operator Area | a / Block W | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Tobago | Shell Offshore | AC 859 | 9,627' |
| Silvertip | ChevronTexaco | AC 815 | 9,226' |
| Tiger | ChevronTexaco | AC 818 | 9,004' |
| Cheyenne | Anadarko Petroleum | LL 399 | 8,987' |
| Atlas NW | Anadarko Petroleum | LL 005 | 8,810' |
| Dachshund/Mondo | Anadarko Petroleum | LL 002 | 8,340' |
| San Jacinto | Dominion Exploration | DC 618/619 | 7,850' |
| Jack | ChevronTexaco | WR 759 | 6,965' |
| La Femme | Newfield Exploration | MC 427 | 5,800' |
| Thunder Hawk | Murphy Exploration | MC 734 | 5,724' |
| Goldfinger | Dominion Exploration | MC 771 | 5,423' |
| Ticonderoga | Kerr-McGee | GC 768 | 5,250' |
| Puma | BP Exp. & Prod. Inc. | GC 823 | 4,130' |
| Dawson Deep | Kerr-McGee | GB 625 | 2,900' |
| Crested Butte | Nexen Pet. U.S.A. | GC 242 | 2,846' |

| Gulf Deep Prospect | Water Operator | Discoverie Area / Block | 2 5 - 2005 Water Depth' |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Stones | BP | WR BLK 508 | 9576 ft. |
| Jubilee Ext. | Anadarko | LR BLK 309 | 8774 ft. |
| Mondo NW Ext. | Anadarko | LR Blk 001 | 8340 ft. |
| Q | Spinnaker | MC BLK 961 | 7925 ft. |
| Genghis Khan | Anadarko | GC BLK 652 | 4300 ft. |
| Wrigley | Newfield | MC BLK 506 | 3700 ft. |
| Knotty Head | Chevron/Unoca | GC BLK 512 | 3557 ft. |
| Clipper | Pioneer | GC BLK 299 | 3452 ft. |
| Anduin | Nexen | MC BLK 755 | 2400 ft. |

Recent Ultra-Deep Water Activity Paleogene (aka Eocene/Wilcox) Play



Major New Activity



Seismic Noise Remains as an Issue

Environmental Study

Sperm Whale Seismic Study – Part II (SWSS II)

> Awarded in 2005

Understand sperm whales movements, and feeding and breeding behavior

Characterize industry/ambient noise

Determine acoustic effects on sperm whales