

# Offshore Technology Conference

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# Overview

- State of the OCS
- Safety Culture Policy
- SEMS II
  - Key Updates to 2010 Rule
  - Audits
- Shared Responsibilities with USCG
  - Close Collaboration
  - MOA
  - RADM Servidio





# Updates from OTC 2012

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- Drilling Safety Rule
  - BOP Forum
  - Deployment Drills
  - Oil Spill Response Plans
  - BSEE Hiring
  - OESC Recommendations
  - Shell Arctic Review
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# Offshore Activity

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- Increased activity on the OCS
- 112 Deepwater New Well Permits issued in 2012; most in over seven years.
- 51 GOM rigs





# Safety At All Levels At All Times

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- Operator-driven safety program with BSEE oversight
    - Industry and Government must work together
    - Hybrid strategy that is both flexible and strategic
      - Combination of performance management and prescriptive when necessary
    - The human factor is one of the largest variables in a safe offshore program
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# Safety Culture Policy

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- Safety Culture Policy: Characteristics
    - Leadership safety values and actions
    - Hazard identification and risk management
    - Personal Accountability
    - Work Processes
    - Continuous Learning
    - Environment for raising concerns
    - Effective safety communications
    - Respectful work environment
    - Inquiring attitude
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# SEMS II

- Final Rule  
Published April 15,  
2013
  - Greater Employee  
Participation
  - Empowering field  
level personnel  
with safety  
management  
decisions
  - Strengthening  
oversight





# Key Changes to SEMS II

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- Stop work authority
- Ultimate work authority
- Employee participation
- Reporting guidelines
- Job safety analysis
- Independent audits







# Audits

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- Audits should be performance based and used to drive continuous improvement
  - First SEMS audit due to BSEE no later than November 15, 2013
  - All audits after June 15, 2015 will need to be completed by accredited third party
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# BSEE Responsibilities

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- BSEE will continue to exercise safety and environmental enforcement functions
    - OCS operations
    - Permitting
    - Inspections and investigations
    - Enforcement
    - Penalties
    - Research
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# Shared Responsibilities

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- OCS is a shared regulatory space
  - Memorandum of Understanding between BSEE and USCG was signed November 29, 2012
  - BSEE and the US Coast Guard have been working closely to coordinate and align safety programs





# MOA OCS-07

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- New Memorandum of Agreement specific to safety management
    - Establishes a process for determining jurisdiction within BSEE and USCG
    - Ensures that future OCS safety and environmental management regulations do not place inconsistent requirements on industry
    - Establishes a process for developing joint policy and guidance
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# BSEE / USCG – One Voice

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- Joint Approach
  - Response Working Group
  - Prevention Working Group
  - Alignment of activities and regulatory projects
  - Continuous exchange of information
  - Interagency cross-training
  - Updating/revising MOA's



# USCG – Moving Forward

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- **Investigation/Reports:**

- ISPR Report
- Joint Investigation Report

- **Competency & Capacity:**

- Enhanced training
- Resource assessment
- Targeted oversight





# One Gulf, One Standard

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- **OCSLA, MTSA, DPA**

- Safety of life and property, protection of the environment, and maritime security



- **U.S. Coastal State Authority**

- Prescribes condition that must be satisfied to conduct OCS activities
- Ensures an equal level of safety
- Accounts for differences in Flag Administration requirements and interpretations

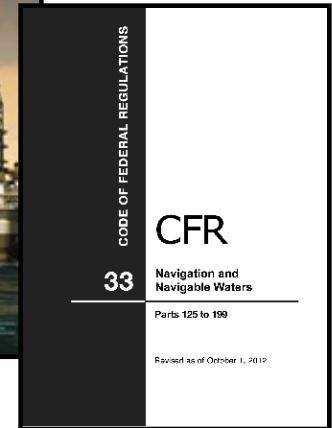
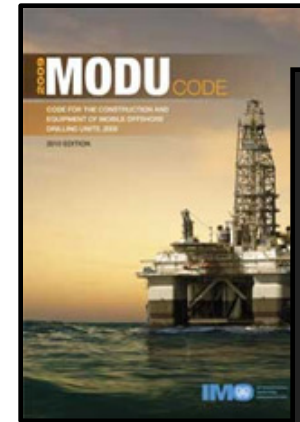




# Safety, Security and Environmental Protection

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- **Partnership and Outreach**
  - Alignment with Industry and regulatory agencies
  - Involvement in consensus standard organizations
- **Development and Implementation**
  - Use of International, Industry and Class Society standards
  - Focus on key safety issues/systems







# USCG – Changes Since OTC 2012

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- Dynamic Positioning Guidance
- Hazardous Areas Equipment Guidance
- Worst Case Discharge for offshore facilities
- Accommodation Service Vessel Outreach
- Equipment/Training/Drills

