

Civil Penalties Program

The goal of the BSEE OCS Civil Penalties Program is to assure safe and clean operations on the OCS. Through the pursuit, assessment, and collection of civil penalties and referrals for the consideration of criminal penalties, the program is designed to encourage compliance with OCS statutes and regulations.

Civil Penalties Summary: as of August 12, 2025

Penalties Paid for FY2024

(10/1/2023-9/30/2024)

Operator Name and Case #	Violation and Date(s)	Penalty Paid & Date Paid	Regulation(s) Violated 30 CFR
Byron Energy Inc. G-2021-021	INC was issued to Byron Energy Inc. on February 19, 2020, for failing to properly maintain the jack-up rig's Draw works brake band assembly. August 15, 2019 - September 11, 2019	\$883,568.00 October 26, 2023	G-111 30 CFR 250.107
Chevron U.S.A. Inc. P-2023-001	Unqualified contract personnel hired by Chevron U.S.A. began to remove an energized actuator from a valve. Upon removing the last bolt, the actuators internal springs released stored energy which caused the actuator, weighing about 80 lbs., to rotate, and strike an employee in the face resulting in an injury. October 12, 2022	\$32,847.00 January 31, 2024	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Byron Energy Inc. G-2023-002	Failed ESD and LSH during inspection. February 24, 2021	\$69,170.00 November 9, 2023	P-422 30 CFR 250.841 P-104 30 CFR 250.841 (a)
Arena Offshore, LP G-2023-007	Crane Lifting Incident resulting in injury. January 16, 2020	\$51,008.00 November 22, 2023	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Shell Offshore Inc. G-2023-009	INC was issued to Shell Offshore Inc. for failure to follow company hurricane evacuation procedures, causing a drillship to be directly impacted by Hurricane Ida and resulting in the dropping of 11 joints of marine riser and the LMRP. December 23, 2021	\$52,646.00 December 14, 2023	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Renaissance Offshore, LLC G-2023-014	INC issued for installing a source of ignition (in this case, a portable diesel engine air compressor) in a Class 1 Division 2 area, which was in-service. July 11, 2022	\$26,323.00 November 20, 2023	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Arena Offshore, LP G-2023-015	Pressure Safety Valve Locked in Closed Position. June 21, 2020	\$31,323.00 January 12, 2024	P-103 30 CFR 250.869 (a)

Blue Dolphin Pipeline Company G-2023-21	the violation, issued March 17, 2023, was forwarded as a Failure to Correct civil penalty for an Incident of Noncompliance (INC) that was issued for failure to perform annual topside structural survey in 2021 and 2022, and failed to provide these survey reports to the BSEE Office of Structural Technical Support (OSTS) July 1, 2023 - September 5 21, 2023	\$166,500.00 April 23, 2024	Two G-822's 30 CFR 250.903
EC Offshore Properties, Inc. G-2023-060	(2) INCs were issued for the operator's failure to prevent unauthorized discharge of Zinc Bromide Brine (ZBB) into offshore waters, and for the operator's failure to prevent ZBB-containing liquid leaking from the rig onto the platform work area, where personnel were present. May 16, 2023	\$59,170.00 February 23, 2024	G-112 30 CFR 250.107 E-100 30 CFR 250.300(a)
Renaissance Offshore, LLC G-2023-072	(2) INCs were issued for the operator's failure to protect health, safety, and the environment through safe operations, and its failure to maintain safe and workmanlike conditions at the facility, ultimately resulting in a fatality. May 29, 2019	\$105,292.00 June 20, 2024	G-110 30 CFR 250.107 G-111 30 CFR 250.107
W&T Offshore, Inc. G-2023-073	Safety Device Found in Bypass During Inspection. August 7, 2023	\$32,176.00 August 9, 2024	P-103 30 CFR 250.869(a)
Talos ERT LLC G-2023-076	INC was issued for the operator's failure to maintain the sump deck stairway in a safe condition. July 22, 2021	\$38,912.00 June 12, 2024	G-111 30 CFR 250.107
Talos Petroleum LLC G-2024-005	Life Rafts Found in Inoperable Condition. March 22, 2022	\$43,912.00 August 6, 2024	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Shell Offshore Inc. G-2024-007	(2) Violations were issued for multiple unsafe conditions on the facility that posed an immediate threat to personnel, the facility, and/or the environment. December 12, 2022	\$64,352.00 August 21, 2024	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Shell Offshore Inc. G-2024-009	INC was issued for unsafe conditions on the facility that posed an immediate threat to personnel, the facility, and/or the environment. November 9, 2021 - November 15, 2021	\$219,261.00 September 20, 2024	G-110 30 CFR 250.107

BP Exploration & Production Inc. G-2024-015	During the investigation into an incident, violation involves a dropped stand of pipe leading, resulting in injury. February 18, 2023	\$40,765.00 August 20, 2024	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
17 cases were closed during FY2024 with payments totaling \$1,951,137.00			