

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:

Penalties Paid for FY2021

(10/1/2020-9/30/2021)

Operator Name and Case #	Violation and Date(s)	Penalty Paid & Date Paid	Regulation(s) Violated 30 CFR
Apache Corporation G-2017-003	Misaligned valve and unattended cutting box resulted in spill of hydrocarbons into the Gulf of Mexico. November 21, 2016	\$21,000.00 January 15, 2021	E-100 30 CFR 250.300
Energy XXI GOM, LLC G-2017-012	Numerous open and improperly barricaded holes on facility. The barriers that were in place were incorrectly installed as well as damaged. December 3, 2016	\$90,926.00 October 16, 2020	G-110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Union Oil Company of California G-018-003	Flash fire resulting in injury. November 28, 2017	\$32,250.00 October 16, 2020	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
EnVen Energy Ventures, LLC G-2019-008	Pollutants being discharged into Gulf / Visible sheen on water. July 10, 2018	\$55,800.00 December 7, 2020	E-100 30 CFR 250.107(a) G-110 30 CFR 250.107
W & T Offshore, Inc. G-2019-014	On August 25th, 2018, an incident occurred when a Floor hand was hoisted from the Rig Floor to inspect the Top Drive after a Jarring operation. The Floor hand's secondary line became hung up in a Collar Finger, causing him to be injured. August 25, 2018	\$40,200.00 September 21, 2021	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC. G-2019-022	Failure to perform all operations in a safe and workmanlike manner, and for failing to install and maintain all equipment properly. August 1, 2016 - December 12, 2016	\$23,000.00 May 27, 2021	P-527 30 CFR 250.850
LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC. G-2019-022	Failure to perform all operations in a safe and workmanlike manner, and for failing to install and maintain all equipment properly. March 1, 2016 - November 12, 2016	\$46,000.00 May 27, 2021	P-526 30 CFR 250.850

LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC G-2019-022	Failure to perform all operations in a safe and workmanlike manner, and for failing to install and maintain all equipment properly. November 12, 2016	\$46,000.00 May 27, 2021	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Exxon Mobil Corporation P-2020-001	During a breaking containment task, the operator failed to anticipate residual pressure of hydrocarbon or stored energy of a compressed spring. On September 12, 2019, three contractors removing and replacing a divert valve, AOV-720-2, were involved in an incident when there was a sudden, uncontrolled release of pressure that lifted an upper portion of the valve, weighing 30 to 40 pounds, up approximately 18" striking a cable tray. Noise from the incident temporarily caused one contractor to partially lose his hearing and another to be struck in the face with shrapnel causing minor cuts requiring first aid. A plume of natural gas released causing a nearby handheld gas detector to alarm up to 30% LEL. September 12, 2019	\$28,400.00 January 28, 2021	G-112 30 CFR 250.107
EnVen Energy Ventures, LLC G-2020-004	A crane's boom pawl-pin was found backing out of place because the keeper was not in place. March 20, 2019	\$22,700.00 January 26, 2021	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Arena Offshore, LP G-2020-011	Failing to remove a damaged pipeline. January 14, 2020	\$62,750.00 February 11, 2021	L-804 30 CFR 250.1014
Byron Energy Inc. G-2020-013	Failure to use fall protection, while working outside hand-railing 25 feet above the deck. July 18, 2019	\$46,463.00 November 16, 2020	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Castex Offshore, Inc. G-2020-015	Failure to comply with the safety requirements of 30 CFR 250.107, which requires Lessee's to protect health, safety, property, and the environment by Performing all operations in a safe and workmanlike manner. September 10, 2019	\$45,463.00 November 13, 2020	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Talos Petroleum LLC. G-2020-025	Grating failed as inspector stepped on it. October 23, 2019	\$32,700.00 June 8, 2021	G-111 30 CFR 250.107
Freeport-McMoRan Energy LLC. G-2020-026	Failing to conduct operations safely, resulting in a blasting cap explosion and injury. September 22, 2019	\$34,100.00 February 2, 2021	G-110 30 CFR 250.107

Cox Operating, LLC. G-2020-031	Extensive structural corrosion on facility. Loose material and debris scattered throughout. October 11 - October 17, 2019 October 17, 2019	\$72,463.00 May 12, 2021	G-111 30 CFR 250.107 G-250 30 CFR 250.300(c) (1)
BP Exploration & Production Inc. G-2020-032	Failing to repair corroded grating and properly install replacement walking surfaces. August 14, 2019	\$27,700.00 February 10, 2021	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC. G-2020-033	Release of Hydrocarbons October 11 - 12, 2017	\$90,926.00 December 24, 2020	E-100 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Renaissance Offshore, LLC. G-2020-037	Hot work being conducted within 35 feet of vessels containing hydrocarbons without required precautions. January 23, 2020	\$32,700.00 February 25, 2021	G-303 30 CFR 250.113(a)
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation G-2020-056	During the inspection the accumulator and remote-control panels were found with a shear ram pressure set at 1500 PSI. The shear ram pressure was corrected during the inspection to the high pressure setting of 3000 psi. If the rig were to have a loss of well control during this time, the blind shear rams wouldn't have had the required amount of pressure to shear the pipe and seal, therefore, a threat to personnel, the facility, and the environment existed. January 28 - 30, 2020	\$45,463.00 June 30, 2021	B-175 30 CFR 250.730(a)
MC Offshore Petroleum, LLC. G-2021-001	Oil accumulation on decking from leaking piping, gas leaking from hatches. December 7, 2020	\$46,000.00 July 29, 2021	G-112 30 CFR 250.107
EnVen Energy Ventures, LLC. G-2021-015	Valve misalignment resulted in discharge (458 bbls) of Synthetic Based Mud (SBM) to the Gulf of Mexico. November 16, 2020	\$83,200.00 September 17, 2021	G-110 30 CFR 250.107 E-100 30 CFR 250.107(a)
LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC. G-2021-020	Injury occurred while conducting pressure and function testing of subsea blowout preventer equipment (BOPE). August 7, 2019	\$45,200.00 August 25, 2021	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
23 cases were closed during FY2021 with payments totaling \$1,071,404.00			