Opportunities and Risks in Deepwater Gulf of Mexico from a Regulatory Perspective

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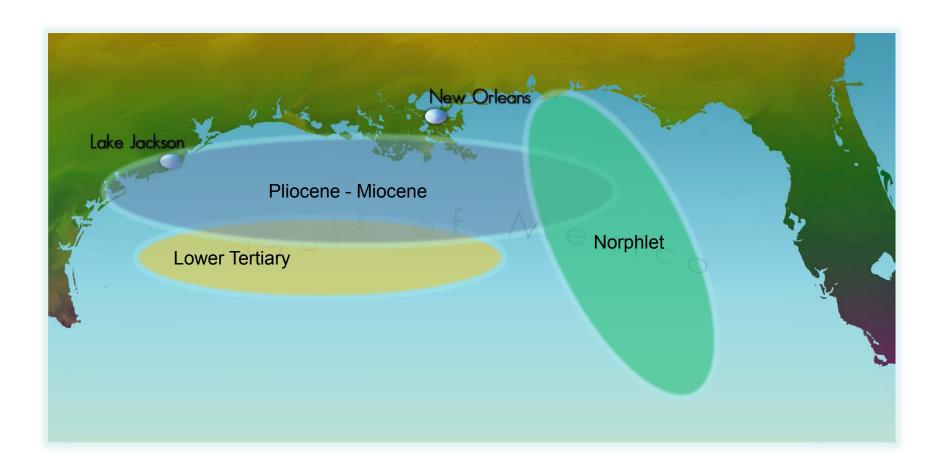
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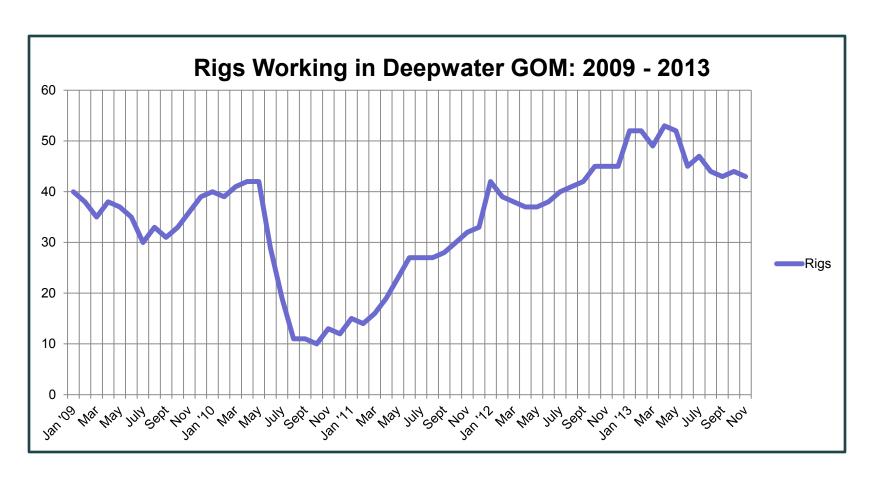
Agenda

- Trends in Exploration & Production
- Deepwater Activity
- Challenges & Risks
- Regulator's Role
- Industry's Call to Action
- Looking to the Future

Trends in Exploration & Production



Rig Activity in Deepwater Gulf of Mexico



New Deepwater Development Activity

Sanctioned Projects

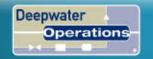
- Olympus TLP (Mars B) @ MC806, Shell, (installed July, 2013, 1st Prod - 2015)
- Jack St. Malo @ WR718, Chevron, (1st Prod 2014)
- **Big Foot** & WR029, **Chevron**, (1st Prod 2014)
- Lucius (oil/gas) /Hadrian (gas) @ KC875, Anadarko, (1st Prod 2014)
- Tubular Bells @ MC725, Hess Corp. (1st Prod 2014)
- Delta House @MC254, LLOG Exploration, (1st Prod 2015)
- Heidelberg @ GC865, Anadarko, (1st Prod 2016)
- Stones @ WR508, Shell, (2nd FPSO in GOM, 1st Prod 2016)
- Stampede @ GC468 (Pony) GC468 (Pony)/GC512(Knotty Head),
 Hess Corp. (Sanction 2014, 1st Prod 2016)
- Big Dog (Mad Dog B) @ GC825, BP, (Sanction under evaluation)



New Deepwater Development Activity

Appraisal Prospects

- Appomattox @ MC806, Shell, (appraisal)
- Vito @ MC984, Shell, (appraisal)
- Gunflint @ MC984, Noble Energy, (appraisal)
- Hadrian North @ KC918, ExxonMobil, (appraisal)
- Shenandoah @ WR052, Anadarko and Coronada @ WR098, Chevron, (appraisal)
- Buckskin @ KC872 and Moccasin @ KC736, Chevron, (appraisal)
- Kaskida @ KC292 and Tiber @ KC102, (appraisal), Gila @ KC093 (Drilling) BP, [HP/HT]
- North Platte @ GB959, Cobalt Intl. Energy, (appraisal)



Challenges in Deepwater GOM

 High Pressure/High Temperature (HPHT)

Blowout Preventer Technology

Personnel Experience



Risks in Deepwater GOM

Metallurigcal Failures

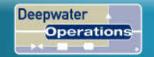
Dynamic Positioning Failures

Well Control



Industry Addressing Challenges and Risks

- Improving Industry Standards
- Training
- Competency Assurance
- Real Time Monitoring
- Improving QA/QC Manufacturing Process
- BOP and Well Control System Technology and Intelligence



Regulatory Approach to Challenges and Risks

- Regulations
- Notice-to-Lessees
- Deepwater Operations Plans
- Risk Management
- Safety and Environmental Management Plans
- Use of Qualified 3rd Party Reviews

Looking to the Future

- Identification of Best Available and Safest Technology (BAST)
- Industry Standards Organization to Promote Step Changes in Safety through Equipment Specifications and Procedures
- Establishment of Ocean Energy Safety Institute
- Develop Methods to Improve Human Element of Decision

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