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List of Gulf of Mexico OCS Region Safety Alert and Accident Investigation Reports Concerning Blowouts

Recently, several blowouts have occurred on leases in the Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). So that a more proactive approach at preventing a recurrence of these accidents may be taken, copies are attached of previous Gulf of Mexico OCS Region Safety Alert concerning blowouts that have occurred in the Gulf of Mexico OCS. All OCS operators have an affirmative responsibility to conduct their operations in a safe manner; they should be familiar with these incidents, so that they may design and plan their work so as to avoid these problems. These Gulf of Mexico OCS Region Safety Alert are as follows:

Notice No. Date Issued

002 December 13, 1972

024 June 2, 1975

043 June 21, 1976

064 May 5, 1977

066 September 26, 1977

069 December 6, 1977

070 June 12, 1978

073 September 5, 1978

081 December 1, 1978

089 November 15, 1979

103 June 30, 1981

106 August 28, 1981

111 May 13, 1983

119 October 3, 1983

123 January 5, 1984

140 June 18, 1985

144 January 23, 1986

165 April 3, 1995

167 June 17, 1996

In addition to these relevant Gulf of Mexico OCS Region Safety Alert, accident investigations of the following blowouts that occurred in the Gulf of Mexico OCS have been conducted, and these MMS reports were prepared and are available:

Report No. Date of Accident Area Block

84-0040 July 20, 1983 Matagorda Island 657

85-0050 October 20, 1983 Eugene Island 010

86-0100 December 3, 1985 West Cameron 648

86-0101 September 14, 1984 Green Canyon 069

88-0007 November 10, 1986 West Cameron 071

89-0019 December 17, 1987 Viosca Knoll 032

92-0069 January 8, 1989 Main Pass 299

92-0070 May 30, 1990 Brazos A-023

94-0024 December 26, 1992 South Pass 060

95-0041 March 15, 1994 South Marsh Island 090

Copies of the above listed MMS reports are available through the GOM Region Public Information Office:

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