

CITATION

**SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
PACIFIC OCS REGION**

**VENOCO INC
PLATFORMS GAIL AND GRACE**

This award is presented to Venoco Inc for the excellent manner in which it conducted production operations on Platforms Gail and Grace for the period January 1 through December 31, 2008.

During the rating period, Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted 20 production inspections facilities with only three, minor incidents of noncompliance detected. The inspections included a detailed annual inspection of all safety devices on each platform. Results of these inspections demonstrated that Venoco had an outstanding record in conducting overall operations in accordance with MMS regulations and the criteria set up for the SAFE program. Venoco maintained a high level of preventative maintenance, safety and environmental protection awareness and excellent housekeeping practices on the cited platforms. Throughout the year, field and management personnel have consistently demonstrated a keen awareness, knowledge, and application of all pertinent regulatory requirements. Venoco was cooperative with MMS personnel and provided support when needed.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Minerals Management Service join me in commending Venoco for its part in the development of offshore minerals resources while maintaining a high degree of awareness for the safety of personnel, protection of the environment, and adherence to operating regulations.

**Ellen G. Aronson
Regional Manager
Pacific OCS Region**