

CITATION

**SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
SANTA MARIA DISTRICT
PACIFIC OCS REGION**

**POOL OFFSHORE
PLATFORMS HARVEST, HERMOSA,
& HIDALGO
DRILLING CONTRACTOR**

This award is presented to Pool Offshore in recognition of its excellent safety record while conducting oil and gas drilling operations at the three Pt. Arguello platforms during the 2001 calendar year. Pool skillfully operated and maintained rig 411 at these facilities in compliance with Federal operating rules, regulations, and performance standards. Pool's rig personnel worked cooperatively with MMS staff to insure the safe, effective, and pollution-free drilling operations offshore California.

During the rating period (January 1 – December 31, 2001), Minerals Management Service personnel conducted 22 inspections of Pool's drilling operations and issued no incidents of non-compliance. The Pool 411 modular drilling rig was shared among the three Pt. Arguello production platforms in 2001 which required three rig moves from platform to platform. Each rig move necessitates disassembly and reassembly of the rig and component equipment and numerous multiple heavy crane lifts, with each lift being potentially risky for personnel and equipment. This outstanding safety performance record is attributable to the quality and dedication of Pool's field personnel and the emphasis and awareness the company places on human and environmental safety.

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

**J. Lisle Reed
Regional Director
Pacific OCS Region**