

**CITATION**

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

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.  
PLATFORM HERITAGE  
DRILLING CONTRACTOR  
for EXXONMOBIL COMPANY**

**This award is presented to Helmerich and Payne, Inc. (H&P) in recognition of its accident-free record and for the professional manner in which it conducted drilling operations on Platform Heritage for the period January 1 through December 31, 2005.**

**During the rating period, Minerals Management Service (MMS) personnel conducted several drilling inspections at the facility with no incidents of noncompliance detected. H&P, in conjunction with ExxonMobil Company, successfully utilized a combination of traditional methods and state-of-the-art extended reach drilling and completion technologies to access oil and gas reserves in the Pescado and Sacate Fields in the Santa Ynez Unit. H&P consistently maintained an outstanding safety and environmental protection record while conducting drilling operations. Throughout the year, H&P personnel have consistently demonstrated a keen awareness, knowledge, and application of pertinent regulatory requirements. Cooperation with MMS personnel was excellent.**

**The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Minerals Management Service join me in commending H&P 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.**

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Regional Manager  
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