

Civil Penalties Program

The goal of the BSEE OCS Civil Penalties Program is to assure safe and clean operations on the OCS. Through the pursuit, assessment, and collection of civil penalties and referrals for the consideration of criminal penalties, the program is designed to encourage compliance with OCS statutes and regulations.

Civil Penalties Summary
 Penalties Paid for FY2018
 (10/1/2017 - 9/30/2018)

Operator Name and Case No.	Violation and Date(s)	Penalty Paid and Date Paid	Regulation(s) Violated 30 CFR
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation G-2016-009	During a BSEE inspection, BSEE Inspectors discovered and observed personnel not utilizing proper fall protection and failing to perform all operations in a safe and workmanlike manner and provide for the preservation and conservation of property and the environment. 1/12/2016	\$30,000 11/10/2017	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
W & T Offshore, Inc. G-2016-018	At time of a BSEE Inspection, BSEE inspectors found well A-011 20-inch casing protruding through the well bay deck. Well has been plugged, abandoned and cut; however, the well casing was left in an un-barricaded condition and was not covered, leaving the potential of personnel being injured or falling. 03/17/2016	\$78,000 10/03/2017	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
EPL Oil & Gas, Inc. G-2017-023	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors observed the pipeline in by-pass and not being monitored. 11/21/2014	\$21,000 10/12/2017	P103 30 CFR 250.803(c)
Energy XXI GOM, LLC G-2017-025	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors observed a well and the fuel gas scrubber in by-pass and not being monitored (2 violations) 01/04/2017	\$52,000 10/12/2017	P103 (2 ea) 30 CFR 250.869(a)

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Fieldwood SD Offshore LLC G-2017-008	During the course of a BSEE investigation into an offshore crane lifting incident, BSEE discovered that the operator failed to operate in a safe and workmanlike manner while conducting lifting operations of a Process Tank during rough weather, which caused the Motor Vessel to move up and down, resulting in the Process Tank striking a previously lowered Process Tank which induced shock loading of the crane, resulting in the buckling of the crane boom which parted from the heel section and fell into the Gulf of Mexico. 09/21/2016	\$42,704 11/02/2107	G110 30 CFR 250.107
W & T Offshore, Inc. G-2017-021	At the time of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors observed and discovered the lessee not performing all operations in a safe and workmanlike manner. An opening in the deck was found with no hard barricading or hole watch in the area and was not rendered inaccessible. 08/04/2016	\$31,000 11/27/2017	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Arena Offshore, LP G-2017-029	During the course of a BSEE investigation into a crane lifting incident, BSEE Investigators discovered that during the crane lifting operations the crane operator by-passed the boom kick-out override safety system which resulted in an incident that damaged the crane boom. 04/28/2017	\$36,750 12/15/2017	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)

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Energy XXI GOM, LLC G-2017-036	During the course of an BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors observed the operator attempting to disperse hydrocarbons with soap and squeegeeing it overboard into the Gulf of Mexico (GOM). The operators were in the process of cleaning up hydrocarbons that spilled onto the deck of a lift boat during well operations. (2 violations) 04/10/2017	\$73,000 01/08/2018	E100 30 CFR 250.300 G110 30 CFR 250.107
Chevron U.S.A. Inc. G-2017-031	During the course of an inspection, BSEE inspectors observed the Pressure Safety Valve (PSV) on a vessel venting to the atmosphere and the lease holder was aware of the faulty PSV. 02/21/2016	\$21,000 01/10/2018	G112 30 CFR 250.107
Energy XXI GOM, LLC G-2017-033	During the course of an inspection, BSEE inspectors discovered an open hole created by missing grating. The open hole was not properly barricaded to protect personnel from entering the hazardous area. 05/17/2017	\$26,000 01/10/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Chevron U.S.A. Inc. G-2015-011	During the course of a BSEE investigation, BSEE discovered that while the operator was attempting to perform preventative maintenance on the drilling rig aft pipe racker and simultaneously lifting an employee over 110ft in a work basket, the basket became stuck and badly damaged due to an overpowered utility tugger line continuing to pull the basket as the team struggled to communicate the issue. 10/14/2014	\$37,700 03/30/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)(1)

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Castex Offshore, Inc. G-2017-041	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors discovered the level safety high and the level safety low sensors on the Heater Treater in the by-pass position and not being monitored. (3 violations) 09/16/2017	\$65,250 05/04/2018	P103 (3 ea) 30 CFR 250.869(a)
Stone Energy Corporation G-2015-019	During the course of the BSEE investigation, BSEE investigators discovered that the air pressure alarm for the TJ packer was disabled. The alarm was incapable of performing its designed function. 02/12/2014	\$20,000 05/09/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Fieldwood Energy LLC G-2017-037	During the course of an inspection, BSEE inspectors discovered open holes created by missing grating on the boat landing of the platform. The holes were not properly barricaded to protect personnel from entering the hazardous area. 06/26/2017	\$105,000 05/21/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC P-2017-001	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors discovered that the leak detection system (LDS) was not operational for two pipeline segments carrying oil from Platform Houchin to Platform Hogan and Platform Hogan to shore operated by Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC (POOLLIC). As a result, two L-127 warning incidents of noncompliance (INC), two L-127 component shut-in INC's, and two G-110 shut-in INC's were issued. [The civil penalty was assessed for failure to correct the two L-127 warning INCs issued on 6/3/2016.] (2 violations) 6/3/2016 (4 violations) 6/22/2016	\$1500 6/28/2018	L127 30 CFR 250.1004(b)(5) G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)

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Shell Offshore Inc. G-2018-004	During the course of a BSEE Investigation into an incident with injury, BSEE discovered that the injury to the operator employee occurred while he was adjusting the preload on the Belleville springs located in the lower gripper assembly on the subsea blowout preventer (BOP) blue pod. The connector plate fell on the injured employee's hand and trapped it between the landing sleeves. 05/29/2017	\$43,100 08/06/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Fieldwood SD Offshore LLC G-2017-039	During the course of a BSEE investigation into an incident, BSEE investigators discovered that the decommissioning permit was not approved for hot work. The company modified the permit to perform hot work without requesting the proper approval and initiated an incident that ruptured the casing. 01/18/2017	\$37,700 8/14/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Fieldwood Energy LLC G-2017-043	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors discovered an open hole that was not properly barricaded to protect personnel from entering the hazardous area. 07/03/2017	\$21,750 08/14/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Chevron U.S.A. Inc. G-2017-028	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors discovered and observed that the catwalk between the platform and the lift boat was installed and secured Improperly to the middle rail of the platform removable handrail. 04/13/2017	\$95,250 8/23/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107

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Arena Offshore, LP G-2017-032	During the course of a BSEE Investigation into a lifting incident involving injury, BSEE investigators discovered the lessee failed to perform operations in a safe and workmanlike manner by failing to ensure safe lifting operations, which resulted in the shifting load injuring an employee. 05/31/2017	\$43,100 08/31/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Arena Offshore, LP G-2017-009	Upon landing on the facility during a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors observed that the platform was saturated in oil extending from under the heliport down to the waterline including the production deck equipment. BSEE Inspectors determined that the oil accumulation was the result of an excess amount of oil in the facility's fuel gas system. 05/14/2014	\$105,000 8/31/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Tana Exploration Company LLC G-2018-001	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors observed operations personnel working on scaffolding without fall protection. 08/11/2017	\$27,250 08/31/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107
Energy XXI GOM, LLC G-2017-024	While flying to another facility, BSEE inspectors observed a sheen originating from Energy XXI's Facility. During the course of a BSEE Investigation, BSEE inspectors discovered that the sheen was due to an improperly installed LSH for the Flotation Cell (ABM-410). (2 violations) 09/21/2016	\$79,950 09/06/2018	E100 30 CFR 250.107(a) E104 30 CFR 250.300(b)(3)

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Energy XXI GOM, LLC G-2017-034	During the course of a BSEE investigation into an incident involving an injury, BSEE investigators discovered that the lessee representative had fallen through an open hole in the grating on the plus 10 (+10) level of the facility. BSEE determined that the open hole resulted from advanced corrosion; the knees of the injured worker contacted the grating and stopped him from falling into the Gulf of Mexico. After the incident the operator placed a temporary piece of grating, held in place by plastic tie wraps, over the existing hole. 01/30/2017	\$63,500 09/06/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
MC Offshore Petroleum, LLC G-2018-013	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors discovered that the Glycol Contract Tower PSV was bypassed. 03/01/2018	\$65,250 09/13/2018	P103 30 CFR 250.869(a)
EnVen Energy Ventures, LLC G-2017-042	During the course of a BSEE inspection, BSEE inspectors discovered that the secondary BOP control panel was inoperable. 09/04/2017	\$27,250 09/14/2018	B225 30 CFR 250.735(c)
Freeport-McMoRan Energy LLC G-2017-026	During the course of a BSEE investigation into an incident involving H2S release, BSEE investigators discovered that during a pigging operation, a release of H2S occurred due to corroded piping. 06/02/2016	\$32,250 09/18/2018	G111 30 CFR 250.107

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Arena Offshore, LP G-2017-040	During the course of a BSEE investigation into a non-injury drilling incident, BSEE investigators discovered that the lessee failed to operate in a safe and workmanlike manner by failing to properly operate the draw works brake allowing the traveling block to descend and land on the rotary table along with two sheaves of drill line. 07/20/2017	\$27,250 09/20/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Contango Operators, Inc. G-2018-002	During the course of a BSEE investigation into an incident involving an injury, BSEE investigators discovered that the lessee failed to operate in a safe and workmanlike manner during maintenance operations of the water skimmer when the 24-inch man-way cover broke off the davit pole, due to metal integrity issues, landing on the floor and resulting in the injury. 10/19/2017	\$38,100 9/21/2018	G110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
29 cases were closed during FY2018 with payments totaling \$1,347,604			