

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.

2013 Civil Penalties Summary Penalties Paid through the 1st Quarter of 2013

(1/1/2013 - 3/31/2013)

Operator Name and Case No.	Violation and Date(s)	Penalty Paid and Date Paid	Regulation(s) Violated 30 CFR
Hall Houston Exploration III, L.P. G-2011-037	A pollution event occurred from a block valve on the well's flow line that parted at the threads of the valve body. There was oil on platform and oil pollution in Gulf waters. August 1, 2011 July 31 – August 1, 2011 July 12 – July 30, 2011	\$225,000 2/1/13	250.300(a) 250.107 250.107
Black Elk Energy Offshore, LLC (Island Operators Co., Inc.) G-2012-003	During the course of a BSEE inspection, the LSH for the 2nd Stage Scrubber was not being tested monthly as required from April 21, 2011 to September 25, 2011. In addition, it was discovered that the operator failed to check the integrity and sandblast and paint the piping on the bottom of the vent scrubber per prior inspection. April 21, 2011 – September 25, 2011 February 15, 2011 – September 27, 2011	\$71,250 1/10/13	250.802(b) 250.107
Energy Partners, Ltd. G-2012-011	During the course of a BSEE review of a Well Activity Report, and subsequent inspection, it was discovered that the SCSSV was not re-installed after being removed for well work operations. September 6 – 27, 2011	\$33,000 2/15/13	250.801(c)

Arena Offshore, LP G-2012-023	During a BSEE inspection, the inspector discovered an unattended and improperly barricaded open hole in the grating in the deck area resulting in a threat to personnel. April 12, 2012	\$25,000 2/25/13	250.107(a)
Apache Corporation (Island Operators Co., Inc.) G-2012-026	During a BSEE inspection, the inspectors discovered the heater treater that was in-service was severely corroded and leaking. It was also discovered that a rubber patch secured the hose clamps to prevent the vessel from leaking. Using a rubber patch is not an approved method of fixing leaks. April 18, 2012	\$30,000 1/16/13	250.107
El Paso E&P Company, L.P. G-2012-027	During a BSEE investigation into an incident involving a fire in the Heater-Treater fire tube, it was discovered that the operator failed to maintain the equipment in a safe condition. February 10, 2012	\$40,000 2/19/13	250.401(e)
McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC G-2012-031	During a BSEE Inspection, an inspector discovered that the PSH on the Fired Component fuel gas was blocked Out-of-Service, and was not flagged and monitored by personnel. May 22, 2012	\$25,000 3/8/13	250.803(c)
Boise d'Arc Exploration, LLC G-2013-003	During a BSEE Inspection, it was discovered that there was an unattended, non-barricaded open hole in the mud pit room. October 25, 2012	\$20,000 3/21/13	250.107(a)
Total Penalties Paid: 1/1/13 - 3/31/13			

The following acronyms are used in this table:

LSH	Level Safety High
PSH	Pressure Safety High

PSV	Pressure Safety Valve
SCSSV	Surface Controlled Subsurface Safety Valve

The purpose of publishing the penalties summary is to provide information to the public on violations of special concern in OCS operations and to provide an additional incentive for safe and environmentally sound operations.