

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.

2015 Civil Penalties Summary Penalties Paid for 2015 (1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015)

Operator Name and Case No.	Violation and Date(s)	Penalty Paid and Date Paid	Regulation(s) Violated 30 CFR
Hilcorp Energy GOM, LLC G-2011-010	During the course of a BSEE inspection, it was discovered that multiple safety devices/systems were not tested prior to bringing the platform back online. September 28, 2010	\$130,000 7/10/15	250.300(b)
Tengasco, Inc. Prime 8 Offshore Services G-2011-016	During the course of a BSEE inspection, the inspector discovered that testing records were missing for various components. This indicated that multiple production safety devices for the facility were not being tested from August 30, 2010 to January 25, 2011. It was also discovered the Surface Controlled Subsurface Safety Valve (SCSSV) for production wells, were not being tested from 2010 to 2011. June 30, 2010 – March 8, 2011 (8 violations)	\$386,000 8/27/15	250.804(a)(1) 250.804(a)(3) 250.804(a)(4) 250.804(a)(5) 250.804(a)(6)
Stone Energy Corporation G-2012-013	During the course of a BSEE investigation into an incident involving discarded equipment overboard, it was discovered that the operator failed to conduct operations in a safe and workmanlike manner by failure to follow company procedures and Stop Work Authority. They failed to	\$40,000 6/26/15	250.107(a) 250.300(b)(6)

	<p>prevent the overboard disposal of the wireline jarring tool into offshore water.</p> <p>December 29, 2011 (2 violations)</p>		
<p>W&T Offshore, Inc (Helmerich & Payne) G-2012-034</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE inspection, the inspector discovered the Coil Tubing BOP tests, dated June 4, 2012 for the coil tubing operations between June 4-8, 2013 were unsatisfactory and non-compliant.</p> <p>June 4-8, 2012</p>	<p>\$100,000 6/24/15</p>	<p>250.448</p>
<p>Dynamic Offshore Resources, LLC (Wood Group Production Services) G-2013-042</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE Inspection, it was discovered that the upper segment of the 3" blow down line off of a compressor discharge had broken and was not replaced or repaired. As a result, gas was being discharged at a lower elevation and closer to the compressor unit and a fired vessel. Additionally, it was discovered that the second primary egress required on the manned facility was barricaded off due to grating sections missing from the path to the boat landing. This condition limited the personnel to having only a single means of egress.</p> <p>April 29-June 26, 2013</p>	<p>\$490,000 6/10/15</p>	<p>250.803(b)(1)(i)</p>
<p>Northstar Offshore Group, LLC G-2014-003</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE investigation, there was an eye injury caused by improper mixture of caustic material and failure to wear proper personal protective equipment.</p> <p>August 2, 2013</p>	<p>\$55,000 8/20/15</p>	<p>250.401(e)</p>
<p>Tetra Technologies, Inc. G-2014-009</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE investigation, an employee was injured after right leg went through improperly secured grating.</p>	<p>\$25,000 8/24/15</p>	<p>250.107(a)</p>

	December 9, 2013		
SandRidge Offshore, LLC. G-2014-011	During the course of a BSEE investigation, there was property damage during drilling rig skidding operations. SandRidge failed to utilize a rig skidding procedure. Failure to utilize the correct skidding guide created a threat and property damage during each skidding operation since the rig package was installed. May 25–September 18, 2013	\$87,000 2/25/15	250.107(a)
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC G-2014-014	During the course of a BSEE inspection, it was discovered that a sump pump was found with the discharge valve in the closed position rendering the sump pump from operating properly. October 8, 2013	\$30,000 5/12/15	250.300(b)
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operaitons, LLC G-2014-016	During the course of a BSEE inspection, there was severe corrosion and leaking oil problems from the Lease Automatic Custody Transfer skid. The Inspectors also observed other safety hazards on the platform. October 2, 2013-January 7, 2014	\$125,000 1/09/15	250.107
EnSCO Offshore Co. G-2014-020	During the course of a BSEE investigation into an Explosion and flash fire incident resulting in injuries, it was discovered that EnSCO failed to operate in a safe and workmanlike manner by failure to follow Safety Alert procedures and take precautions while charging the Composite Air Pressure Vessel. November 2, 2013	\$37,000 2/27/15	250.107(a)
Sandridge Energy Offshore, LLC	During the course of a BSEE investigation, it was discovered that oil on the	\$111,750 9/1/15	250.107(a)

	handrail caused a threat, which would have allowed a person to fall 40 feet to the next deck below. June 19-July 2, 2014		
ANKOR Energy, LLC 2014-042	During the course of a BSEE investigation, it was discovered that a construction worker received injuries to the shoulder from a crane lifting event. June 8, 2014	\$25,000 8/6/15	250.108
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC G-2014-043	During the course of a BSEE investigation , it was determined that a pin hole developed in the heater treater fire tube that allowed produced oil to leak inside the fire tube and spray in the vicinity of the main burner. This caused a fire with a continuing fuel source even though the burner fuel gas had been shut off. April 18, 2014	\$40,000 7/2/15	250.107
Energy XXI GOM, LLC G-2014-045	During the course of a BSEE investigation into an incident resulting in an injury, it was discovered that employees failed to operate in a safe and workmanlike manner for failure to wear proper personal protective equipment while troubleshooting the platform generator shut down. August 6, 2014	\$35,000 10/30/15	250.401(e)
Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC Island Operators Co., INC G-2014-046	During the course of a BSEE investigation , it was determined that the Manual Master Valve and Surface Safety Valve (SSV) on the wellhead were leaking due to the well having a history of making traces of sand. Additionally, the wing valve on the flow line segment of the well was leaking which allowed a shut in tubing pressure of 3200 Pounds	\$334,986 8/31/15	250.107(a)

<p>W&T Offshore, Inc G-2014-051</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE investigation of an injury, it was discovered that a contract employee was evacuated after he received a laceration to his left index finger during well tripping operations. At the time of the incident, the contract employee was attempting to tighten the lifting sub on the drill collar.</p> <p>June 17, 2014</p>	<p>\$30,000 4/30/15</p>	<p>250.107(a)</p>
<p>Bois d' Arc Exploration LLC G-2014-054</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE accident investigation, it was discovered that while conducting drilling operations onboard a drilling rig, an employee was fatally injured after being electrocuted in an attempt to troubleshoot electrical issues on the cementing unit.</p> <p>January 26, 2014 (2 violations)</p>	<p>\$80,000 6/2/15</p>	<p>250.107(a) 250.107</p>
<p>Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC G-2014-056</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE inspection, it was discovered the Motor Control Center (MCC) north door, and the south double doors could not be opened from the inside of the building. The only access to and from the downstairs office in the MCC was through the gas generator building. In the event of a fire or sudden release of gas in the generator building, workers in the downstairs office of the MCC would be trapped, because the north and south exit doors were locked from the outside.</p> <p>October 2, 2014</p>	<p>\$30,000 5/14/15</p>	<p>250.107(a)</p>
<p>EnVen Energy Ventures, LLC G-2014-057</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE inspection, the inspectors discovered two open-hole violations. Neither was barricaded nor was fall protection</p>	<p>\$40,000 8/10/15</p>	<p>250.107(a)</p>

	<p>equipment in place. This created an unsafe and unworkmanlike operation and posed a threat to personnel.</p> <p>October 17, 2014</p>		
<p>GoMex Energy Offshore, Ltd.</p> <p>G-2014-058</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE inspection, it was discovered that the approved drawings indicated a low accumulator pressure alarm to be set at 2500 psi. During the accumulator test, the driller bled the accumulator pressure to 1900 psi, at which time the alarm failed to function.</p> <p>October 24-29, 2014</p>	<p>\$25,282</p> <p>11/24/15</p>	<p>240.410</p>
<p>GoMex Energy Offshore, Ltd.</p> <p>G-2015-002</p>	<p>During the course of an inspection, BSEE Inspectors observed a portable electric drum type fan tied to the second and fourth stage discharge cylinders on the booster gas compressor. The fan was designed for general purpose use and not rated for a Class I Division 2 area.</p> <p>November 10, 2014</p>	<p>\$20,000</p> <p>9/10/15</p>	<p>250.107</p>
<p>Arena Offshore, LP</p> <p>G-2015-006</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE accident investigation, it was discovered that during a sandblasting operation, an unsecured hatch lid on a sand hopper dislodged from the hopper, and severely injured a worker.</p> <p>October 24, 2014</p>	<p>\$35,000</p> <p>7/14/15</p>	<p>250.107(a)(2)</p>
<p>Castex Offshore, Inc.</p> <p>G-2015-008</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE inspection, violations were discovered for incidents resulting in pollution, accumulated oil on the platform, and improper installation of the batteries utilized for the fuel gas heaters.</p> <p>March 7, 2015 (3 violations)</p>	<p>\$45,000</p> <p>8/18/15</p>	<p>250.114(c)</p> <p>250.107</p> <p>250.300(a)</p>

<p>Cochon Properties, LLC</p> <p>G-2015-009</p>	<p>While conducting temporary abandonment operations of a well, the platform crane was used in an attempt to separate the tubing hanger from the casing head. This occurred without verifying the load was free. This is a failure to follow the requirements for cranes and other material-handling equipment</p> <p>January 14, 2015</p>	<p>\$40,000</p> <p>10/23/15</p>	<p>250.108</p>
<p>Castex Offshore, Inc.</p> <p>G-2015-010</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE accident investigation it was discovered that during well operations, the drill crew was laying down a joint of 3 1/2" drill pipe. A nut backed off of the shackle pin, causing the slings to release from a four part shackle that allowed the 3 1/2" drill pipe to fall, and injured two workers.</p> <p>December 30, 2014</p>	<p>\$37,000</p> <p>9/11/15</p>	<p>250.107(a)(1)</p>
<p>Anglo-Suisse Offshore Partners, LLC</p> <p>G-2015-014</p>	<p>During the course of an inspection, BSEE inspectors observed an unsafe handrail on the boat landing of the platform. Inspectors also observed the SCSSV on a well blocked in the open position, preventing the SCSSV incapable of performing its designed safety function.</p> <p>July 9-10, 2014 July 1, 2014</p>	<p>\$60,000</p> <p>10/19/15</p>	<p>250.803(c) 250.107(a)</p>
<p>EPL Oil & Gas, Inc.</p> <p>G-2015-017</p>	<p>During the course of a BSEE inspection, INCs were issued for allowing personnel to climb over the handrails without fall protection resulting in a threat to the safety of the personnel involved.</p> <p>April 9-15, 2015</p>	<p>\$165,000</p> <p>10/28/15</p>	<p>250.107(a)(1)</p>
<p>Energy XXI GOM,</p>	<p>During the course of an</p>	<p>\$40,000</p>	<p>250.107(a)</p>

LLC (Nabors Drilling Inc.) G-2015-018	accident investigation, it was discovered that rig personnel did not follow proper operating procedures. The failure to install a bull plug into the Greene's cup tester during BOP testing resulted in an incident that caused serious damage to equipment. September 13, 2012	10/30/15	
EPL Oil & Gas, Inc. G-2015-022	During the course of an inspection, BSEE inspectors observed the vent failure alarm panel located in the Offshore Installation Manager's office turned off, which rendered it inoperable. October 25, 2012	\$25,000 11/25/15	250.107(a)
DCCOR, LLC P-2014-002	During the course of a BSEE inspection, it was discovered that several safety devices on the facility were bypassed without being properly flagged and monitored by DCOR personnel. April 14, 2013 (4 violations)	\$100,000 5/21/15	250.803(c)(1)
DCCOR, LLC P-2014-003	During the course of a BSEE inspection, it was discovered that three safety devices were put into bypass and were not flagged. July 25, 2013 (3 violations)	\$75,000 2/25/15	250.803(c)(1)
DCCOR, LLC P-2014-004	During the course of an inspection, a BSEE inspector found that several safety devices on the facility were bypassed without being properly flagged, and monitored. September 1, 2013 (3 violations)	\$75,000 7/8/15	250.803(c)(1)
Exxon Mobil Corporation P-2014-006	During the course of a BSEE accident investigation it was discovered that there was a crane boom failure and release of hydrochloric acid	\$50,000 8/5/15	250.108 250.401(e)

