

OFFSHORE OPERATORS COMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE

PURPOSE

Executive

To provide advice and consultation to the Chairman with respect to the performance of his duties in meeting the objectives of the Offshore Operators Committee and to approve or disapprove the expenditure of funds as set forth in Article VII of the By-Laws.

Environmental

To monitor emerging environmental regulatory issues and rule-making, primarily related to water quality in the Gulf of Mexico, and provide review and advocacy with governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations with the outcome of reasonable and cost-effective regulations and policies which are protective of the environment.

Environmental Sciences

To provide the OOC focal point for review, advice and management of scientific issues in the technical fields that are relevant to the Gulf of Mexico offshore industry. To provide technical support for the regulatory activities of the Environmental Subcommittee and to interface with regulatory agencies on the scientific issues related to the offshore environment.

Environmental Waste Handling- Recycling

To identify offshore and shore based waste reduction and recycling areas; to provide procedures, educational tools and support for established waste management and recycling programs; and to be proactive in local communities by assisting in the establishment of recycling programs. This subcommittee keeps abreast of new environmental rules and regulations that impact offshore operations and keeps the OOC General Membership informed of such rules and regulations.

Gulf of Mexico - Air Quality

To provide technical expertise in air pollution matters as they relate to the Gulf of Mexico E & P industry. Participate, as the offshore E & P industry member, in government air quality studies and offshore air emission inventories.

Legal

To advise and consider all problems of a legal nature associated with OOC activities, including liaison with environmental, technical, and other subcommittees.

Marine Safety / Security

To monitor, review and respond to current and pending legislation and/or regulations associated with all marine safety/security aspects of the oil and gas industry in the Gulf of Mexico. This subcommittee works closely with the OOC Technical Subcommittee and related trade associations such as the API, IADC, NOIA, HSAC and OMSA in addressing such issues.

Restricted Areas / Fisheries

To monitor and provide industry advocacy reviews on emerging OCS lease usage issues and issues associated with marine fisheries and their potential impact on new and existing regulations. To minimize conflicts between oil and gas industry and other users of the waters of the GOM, specifically those conflicts that restrict or limit drilling and production operations in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico. To interact with all regulatory agencies and environmental groups and organizations which are responsible for or concerned with marine life.

Technical / Deepwater

To work with state and federal agencies, primarily the Minerals Management Service, to provide them with technical information on offshore / deepwater operations in order that appropriate and effective regulations can be developed and updated.

Drilling

To monitor and provide industry advocacy reviews on emerging Drilling and Workover issues and their impact on new and existing regulations.

Pipeline

To monitor and provide industry advocacy reviews on emerging pipeline issues and their impact on new and existing regulations, primarily specific to the MMS and DOT Office of Pipeline Safety jurisdictional, gathering and transmission pipelines.

Platform

To monitor and provide industry advocacy reviews on emerging platform issues and their impact on new and existing regulations, primarily specific to the MMS jurisdictional facilities.

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