The Emerging OOC

At OOC we are committed to continuous improvement through:

• Focused Senior Leadership
• Data Driven Results
• Increased Visibility
• Aggressive Agency Interaction
• Member Driven Actions

Together, we can successfully advocate for technically-sound policies and regulations to help ensure safe, cost-efficient offshore operations.

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Who Are We

OOC is an organization of 47 producing companies and 61 service providers to the industry who conduct essentially all Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas exploration and production activities in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM). Founded in 1948, the OOC is a technical advocate for the oil and gas industry regarding the regulation of offshore exploration, development and producing operation in the Gulf of Mexico. Our membership consists of companies representing approximately 90% of the production from the Gulf of Mexico.

OOC Staff are committed to serving our members and the offshore energy industry.

Key to Our Success

OOC is successful because of our members. We maintain 14 standing subcommittees, including an Executive board, that tackle the tough issues facing GoM operators. These committees regularly engage regulators and stakeholders through written comments, meetings, workshops and forums to identify and implement solutions that benefit the energy industry. In addition to our subcommittees, OOC can also quickly establish ad hoc work groups to address urgent problems or requests. Our ability to be nimble, and mount a rapid response is one of our core strengths.

Critical Activities

Some of the critical activities OOC is currently engaged in include:

- Production Safety Rule Implementation
- Well Control Rule – Engagement
- Hydraulic Fracturing – Education
- NPDES Permit Renewals
- Air Quality Regulations & Study
- Drinking Water Position Paper
- Produced Water JIP
- Flower Garden Banks Proposed Expansion
- Sand and Sediment Resources
- Cyber Security
- eGov
- Pipeline Abandonment
- HAZID Tools

Highlights & Milestones

2016 marked a significant year for OOC achievements. Some highlights include:

- Completion of a joint industry project on the effects of offshore cooling water intake structures on marine life.
- Development & implementation of a Shallow Water Source Control guidance document & database.
- Implementation of a Hazard Identification Tool and online training module for offshore workers.
- Leading the industry efforts to comment on BOEM’s proposed air quality rule and financial assurance NTL.

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Offshore Operators Committee (OOC) was founded in 1948 and has evolved into the oil and gas industry’s principal technical representative regarding regulation of offshore exploration, development, and producing operations in the Gulf of Mexico.