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**READOUT FROM BOEMRE DISCUSSIONS WITH SHALLOW WATER
DRILLERS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) has concluded a week of discussions led by Director Michael R. Bromwich with Louisiana Lt. Gov. Scott Angelle and the Shallow Water Energy Security Coalition to provide further guidance and clarity to shallow water drilling operators regarding compliance with BOEMRE's new safety and environmental requirements. With their consultation, BOEMRE has posted additional guidance on its website. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) provide specific guidance on how to most efficiently meet new requirements regarding "worst case discharge" estimates. These estimates are calculated by the companies and reviewed by BOEMRE to provide information necessary to ensure that the companies' Oil Spill Response Plans are sufficient to protect coastal and environmental resources, should a spill occur.

BOEMRE and shallow water drillers also discussed measures to ensure the efficient delivery of information to BOEMRE and timely review by BOEMRE of new permit applications for shallow water activities.

BOEMRE's guidance regarding the safety and environmental NTLs can be found at http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/regulate/regs/ntls/ntl_lst.html.

The number and types of permits that have been approved or are pending since the new Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) were issued can be viewed at: http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/offshore/safety/well_permits.html.

This site is updated every business day.