

November 2017



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The True Meaning of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is truly a special day. It was first celebrated in 1621 when the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians shared a fall harvest. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving to be held each year in November.

It is hard to comprehend that this year is almost over and the holidays will soon be upon us. We must still find time to tend to our Desk and Derrick duties. We have had some very interesting industry speakers throughout the year. November's speaker will be the mayor pro temp of Gretna who will fill us in with all the interesting and educational events going on in the city of Gretna.

I am looking ahead to December, when we hold our Annual Christmas Brunch; don't forget to sign up with Alice Gros (registration form in this issue of bulletin) and plan to participate in the always-fun gift exchange.

Carol Schiavone, 2018 Region III Director, will be installing the 2018 Officers and Board of Directors at our December General Membership Meeting. Our newly elected Officers and Board of Directors are anxious to get to work next year.

We recently received our membership renewal forms for next year; please make sure you renew your application. Desk and Derrick needs you, don't forget about all the benefits that are offered to you.

Thanksgiving Blessings,

SUSAN



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**2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Scholarship: Gaylen Guillory
Social: Alice Gros
Community Relations: Angie Duplessis

October
Meeting 50/50
Winner
Cheryl LeBoeuf



2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Board Meetings

January 18
 February 15
 March 15
 April 12
 May 17
 June—No Meeting
 July 19
 August 16
 September 13
 October 18
November 8
 November 29

Membership Meetings

January 25
 February 22
 March 22
 April 19
 May 24
 June – No Meeting
 July 26
 August 23
 September 27
 October 25
November 15
 December 12

November Birthdays:

Elaine Lesnak 1st
 Denise Bourg 16th
 Kori Allemand 24th

**November 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Birth Stone: Topaz	Flower: Chrysanthemum		1	2	3	4
5 DST Ends	6	7	8 Board	9	10	11 Veterans' Day
12	13	14	15 Member	16	17	18 Vote
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Board	30		

Speakers and Volunteer Assignments for Program Committee

Month	June	July	August	October	October	November	December	January
Date		07/26/17	08/23/17	09/27/17	10/26/17	11/16/17	12/14/17	01/24/18
Speaker	No Meeting	Chris Leopold, House of Representa- tives District 105	Charles Miller	Jo Ann Brown	Kathy Denley	Wayne Rau	2018 Region III Director Elect	Billy Nungesser, Lt. Governor
Topic		Scholarship/ IAN	Using the OCS BBS Financial Assur- ance Mod- ule	Orienta- tion	Valero - Then and Now	Gretna Historical Society	Installation	What's Happening in Louisiana
Invoca- tion		Theresa Adams		Angie Duplessis	Theresa Adams	Susan Miller	Theresa Adams	
Intro- duction		Theresa Adams		Angie Duplessis	Theresa Adams	Susan Miller	Theresa Ad- ams	
Decora- tions		Cheryl & Cora	Debbie & Linda	Angie Duplessis	Judi Adams	Judy & Sylvia	Alice Gros	

November Quotes

"When I look into your eyes I can see a love restrained
But darlin' when I hold you don't you know I feel the same
'Cause nothin' lasts forever and we both know hearts can change
And it's hard to hold a candle 1n the cold November rain."

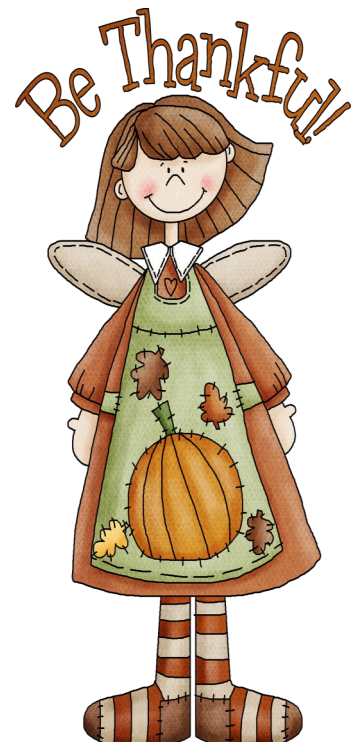
- Guns N' Roses, November Rain

"November comes and November goes,
With the last red berries and the first white snows.

With night coming early and dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket and frost by the gate.

The fires burn and the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest until next spring."

- Elizabeth Coatsworth





October Meeting Guest Speaker and Member,
Kathy Denley, and Vice President Angie Duplessis

The Westbank Club Bylaws were changed with the following amendments, effective January 1, 2018:

Article IX – Meeting Section 1 and Section 2

Section 1 Changed to read: *The Board of Directors shall meet 11 months each year, held the week preceding the regular monthly general membership meeting each month, unless otherwise changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Each year the Board of Directors will vote which month there will be no Board of Directors Meeting.*

Section 2 Changed to read: *The regular monthly meeting of the Club, except one month each year as voted on by the incumbent Board, shall be held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month, unless changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Membership must be duly notified.*

Revised copies of the club's Bylaws will be e-mailed to members and posted on the club's website (www.westbankdandd.org).

Christmas Brunch
Sunday, December 3, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Copeland's of New Orleans
2333 Manhattan Blvd.
Harvey, LA
\$30.00 per person (inclusive)

Bring a \$15 gift to participate in gift exchange!

All entrees include Caesar Salad or Cajun Gumbo Ya Ya, White Chocolate Bread Pudding or Homemade Brownie Deluxe A La Mode, soft drinks, coffee, or tea. Other beverages are at your cost. Seating is limited to 40.

Name: _____	Choice: _____
Guest: _____	Choice: _____
Guest: _____	Choice: _____
Guest: _____	Choice: _____
Guest: _____	Choice: _____

- ___ **1-Eggplant Pirogue** - Cajun-Fired eggplant slices stacked high and smothered in a delicious au gratin sauce with shrimp, served over angel hair pasta.
- ___ **2-Tomato Basil Chicken** - grilled chicken breast served alongside angel hair pasta, tossed with plum tomatoes, fresh basil, olive oil, a touch of garlic butter, and topped with parmesan cheese.
- ___ **3-Chicken Alfredo** - breaded breast of chicken, fried and served with fettuccine sautéed in Alfredo sauce.
- ___ **4-Shrimp & Tasso Pasta** - Gulf shrimp, pan sautéed with original recipe of Cajun Ham Tasso and parmesan cheese in a cream sauce served over bowtie pasta.
- ___ **5-Blackened Catfish** - filet of catfish seasoned and blackened; served with a mixture of summer squash, asparagus, and tomatoes.

Return payment along with your selection to:

Alice Gros
2629 Vulcan Street
Harvey, LA 70058
504-236-4058

Deadline: Friday, November 17, 2017



Coupons for Troops

When something's expired you have to get rid of it, right? Not when it comes to coupons.

Did you know?

- **Expired coupons work.**
Save 'em whether they're active or expired! We'll send both. Coupons can be used on overseas military bases for up to six months past their expiration date.
- **Military families benefit.**
Many military families rely on donated coupons to help offset the expense of living overseas.

-- Bagging Instructions --

1. Cut out the coupons (Not expired more than 3 months). Please note that the bases will not accept them unclipped because they don't have the manpower to clip them.
2. Sort them into piles by type:
 - a. Food items (Pet food counts as Food)
 - b. Non-food items
 - c. Baby supplies are 2nd priority, do if you want to be a REAL Sweetie, make a separate pile for those items.
3. Stuff them into plastic baggies and label.

Only "Manufacturer's Coupons" can be used. They can be from the newspaper, dispensers in grocery stores, tear-pads, and elsewhere as long as they state "Manufacturer's Coupon" on them. No assistance vouchers. No food stamps. No store coupons. No restaurant coupons. No Internet coupons.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our military troops and their families!





2017 CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

*WESTBANK DESK AND DERRICK'S SPECIAL
COMMUNITY PROJECT*

*SENDING THOUGHTS AND WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SAFE AND QUICK
RETURN HOME, GOD'S BLESSING ON THEM, THANKS FOR PROTECTING OUR
FREEDOMS*

WE MET OUR GOAL OF 2017 CARDS IN 2017!!

*OTHERS HELPING WITH OUR PROJECT - THE JVFC, CHILDREN AT BOUDREAUX SCHOOL, GIRL SCOUTS IN
PRAIRIEVILLE, THE BETA CLUB BATON ROUGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF D & D MEMBERS!
CONTACT BONNIE R. WALL 504-362-3671 (H) 504-439-1650 (C) E MAIL seawall4@cox.net*

Region III Director's Newsletter



October 2017

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Red River

Susan Miller
Westbank



Dear Region III Members:

Fall is definitely here, along with some chilling temperatures. The leaves are beginning to change colors. This beautiful change in our surroundings also reminds me that our Association has many changes that are being presented to our members. As each of you are making your decisions I am hoping that if the outcome is not what you wanted or voted for, that you will try your best to embrace these changes as a beautiful one. Change is not an easy thing for any of us, but one thing we all know that is constant in our lives, is change.

This year the winner of the DESA award is T. Greg Merriam, President of Merriam Oil & Gas Corporation. The two winners of the DMSA award are: Nell Lindemeyer and Linda Rogers. Congratulations to these winners! What an honor to receive such a tremendous award.

The month of November is going to be another busy month. There will be election of officers, the yearly monthly business meetings conducted, and committee reports to be read. Be sure your clubs have met the six industry and nine educational meetings for this year. If your club is one short, then you might want to consider getting a video or other material from the ADDC Library. If your club has met the yearly requirements, then the ADDC Library maybe a tool to help with your meetings for next year.

The time of the year is rapidly approaching to get your AIMEE contest entries selected and turned in to the 2018 Contest Committee Chair. Be sure to review all of the information that was previously emailed out regarding the deadline dates and all of the rules. We want all entries to be considered and judged. Also, be thinking about which ADDC committee you will be willing to serve on as a Region III Rep. Within the next several weeks I will be making phone calls to help Carol get these positions filled. Remember, Region III and the ADDC needs YOU!

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to serve You-the members of Region III.

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!

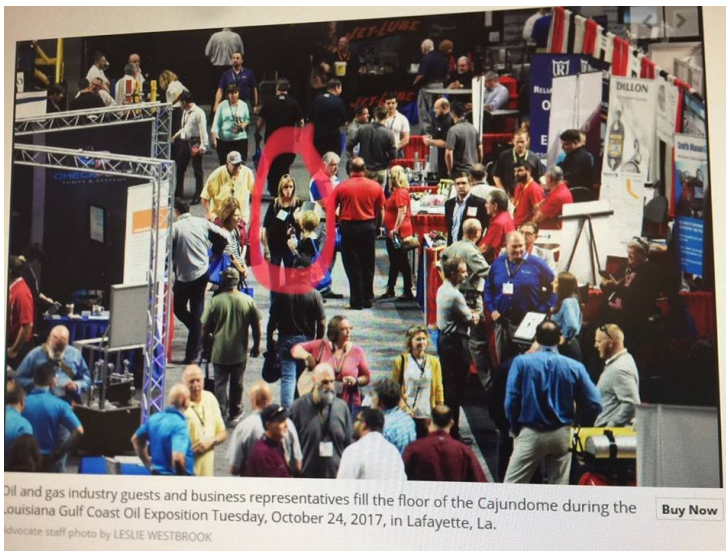
2017 Region III Motto: Open Hands: Receive by Giving

Claudia Prather

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN REGION III



Several **Baton Rouge D&D** club members recently volunteered their time to help at the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Also volunteering the same day were members of the U.S. Coast Guard. Participating from the club were Maxine Tiger Lawson, Beth Terito Cannon, Judy Terito Buckley, Cindy Ailet Wilson, Dee Wells Fellows, Rusty McQueen, and Darlene Dodson.



Members of the Lafayette Club spotted at LAG-COE.

Oil and gas industry guests and business representatives fill the floor of the Cajundome during the Louisiana Gulf Coast Oil Exposition Tuesday, October 24, 2017, in Lafayette, La.

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November 2017

Dear friends and fellow members,

November is a time of reflection and thanks. I have been reflecting on my time as ADDC President, and how I am thankful for the experience. I am humbled by the faith you have put in me, and the friendship and support you have shown. I would have never thought 12 years ago that a group of strangers could become my second family. So thank you for being part of my life.

As we come closer to the end of the year there is some "Year End" business that must take place. If you are a committee chair, please start forwarding any files to the 2018 committee chairs. Clubs, as you elect and install your new, or newly recycled boards, please be sure to fill out the proper forms (ADO 30) and send them to both ADO and the Webmaster.

I am happy to say that Mark and Wayne were able to get out the membership renewals in October. Great job gentlemen! With the renewals each of the club presidents should have received a list of former members. Please think about contacting them and see if they'd like to rejoin. Invite them to your Christmas events, or to the March meeting for Desk and Derrick Month. Remind them of the benefits of membership: education, networking and friendships. It never hurts to ask, and the worst they can say is "no." The answer will always be "no", unless you ask.

Please remember the Dues for 2018 have gone up to \$55.00 for the Association. This does not include the regional or club portions, so please check with your club's treasurer for the correct amounts.

Let me wrap up this letter with a quote from one of my favorite philosophers – Marcy from the Peanuts:

But Thanksgiving is more than eating, Chuck. You heard what Linus was saying out there. Those pilgrims were thankful for what had happened to them, and we should be thankful, too. We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by Thanksgiving, Charlie Brown. --Marcy

Until next month,

Maggi Franks



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Greetings; ADDC Board and Members;

Fall and cooler weather have arrived, at least here in OKC at the ADO Office, I hope this letter finds everyone enjoying a wonderful fall and preparing for a fun filled and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends. We all have so much to be thankful for and sometimes we do not realize just how much. I encourage each and every one of you to take some time during the month of November to reflect on the last year and on your lives and be aware of all the things you do have to be thankful for. I think you will be surprised at all of the little and big things you should give thanks for.

I hope everyone has had time to reflect on this past convention in San Antonio and to realize that we are so very blessed to have a Board of Directors that truly has the best interest of the membership and the future of the ADDC in its sights at all times. Club Presidents please be sure to discuss the mail votes that have been distributed, with your respective clubs and return the results in the envelopes provided. If you did not receive a return envelope please contact Sheryl Minear and she will assure you receive an envelope in which to return the voting results from your club.

2018 Renewal packets have been Emailed to all club Presidents. Please distribute these renewal forms to your members and ask that they complete, update and return them to you as soon as possible so that payment may be sent to ADO so as to facilitate obtaining an accurate number of renewing members as this will assist in the budget and planning for the 2018 ADDC year. If you have any questions regarding the membership renewal forms please give me a call or Email me at ADO and I will help in every way I am able. Also, please encourage your membership to recruit new members and discuss with your clubs how you might conduct membership drives for the upcoming year. If we all work together we will be able to maintain the ADDC as the best networking and educational organization within the energy and allied industries as it has been for the past 66 years.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and encourage you to enjoy yourselves with family and friends and to be mindfully thankful for all the blessings in your lives.

Until next month keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars within the ADDC and beyond.

Sincerely;

Mark Loch
ADO Manager
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Happy Thanksgiving!

As many of you already know first-hand from Convention, the October Region Director newsletters, *ADDc Insight*, and the like, *the times they are a-changin'*—in the words of Bob Dylan—for our Association.

We are talking about the possibility of realigning the regions and clubs; the possibility of eliminating the ADDC Vice President position; and the ADO Manager and the Webmaster positions have been combined into the **new** Business Manager position as of January 1, 2018. These proposals and the combined payroll position are meant to perpetuate our Association in a dire economic environment. These changes are difficult, yet necessary for survival.

Mark and I have made a great team for a little over a year. I am happy Mark is remaining active in ADDC and will remain a resource for the Association. I understand he has the required credentials to be an ADDC Board member and I hear he might run for office in the future. I commend you, Mark.

I am honored and blessed to have the opportunity to serve as the new Business Manager going forward. I am not new to great challenges nor shouldering great responsibility. My personal goals for 2018 are to help maintain the current positives of ADDC membership and to continue improving members' experience and interaction with the Association via technology.

With the Business Manager position brings more Association changes in 2018. The Association Distribution Office (ADO) will have a new physical address and a new postal address—both in West Virginia—by January. However, the ADO main phone number will remain (405) 543-3464.

I am looking forward to continuing working with each and every one of you—our **membership**. Should you ever require information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help!

Best regards,

Wayne Ammons
Webmaster

Supporting Energy Education Projects

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October 2017

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Dear ADDC Members:

The 2017 ADDC Convention is now history. The ADDC Foundation thanks the San Antonio Club and Region IV for the outstanding field trips, seminars and other events offered to all attendees. The Industry Symposium was presented during the business session on Friday morning. The panelists were excellent and the information they shared with our members was outstanding. Their expertise enhanced our knowledge and the audience participation was overwhelming!

Of course, the Foundation can only continue to supply funding for projects, regional grants and these symposia through your contributions. We wish to thank the following 2017 contributors:

Shell Oil Company and Shell Oil Company Foundation
(matching gifts – honoring Judi Adams' volunteer hours)
Lafayette Desk and Derrick Club – memory of Phil Simmons
Lafayette Desk and Derrick Club – memory of George Minton, Jr.
Ada Weeks – memory of George Minton, Jr.
Region II – honor of David Briggs
Region II – honor of Christina Forth
Region III – honor of regional meeting speakers
New Orleans Club – honor of Claudia Prather
El Dorado Club – honor of John Peiserich
Theresa and Royal Adams – memory of Al Ledet
Ada Weeks – memory of Al Ledet
Angie Rust – annual contribution
Wise County Desk and Derrick Club

As noted above, Shell Oil Company and Shell Oil Company Foundation made matching gifts in honor of Judi Adams' volunteer hours. Perhaps, your company has a similar program or policy. Check with your HR department. It is great way to help our foundation.

For Foundation information, please visit our website. You will find detailed information about the Foundation, contact info for the trustees, Contribution Form, and other important information. www.addcfoundation.org

As always, we sincerely appreciate your continued support.

Theresa

SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

ADDC Convention









UPCOMING ADDC CONVENTIONS

67TH ANNUAL ADDC CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 18 – 23, 2018
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON EVANSVILLE

Regional Attractions

Directions to these and other day trip destinations from Evansville are available at WestbankOilPatch.com or by calling (800) 455-5025.

Historic New Harmony, Indiana

New Harmony, Indiana
(800) 424-1658 • USAIndiana.com

Settled by the Harmonists in the early 19th century and the site of two Utopian societies, today's New Harmony maintains its rural and cultural charm in architecture and spirit.

Historic Newburgh, Indiana

Newburgh, Indiana • (800) 853-2815
HistoricNewburgh.org

Minutes east of Evansville is the quiet community of Newburgh. Quaint shops, antique stores, and unique restaurants are found in the riverfront downtown area.



Garden of the Gods

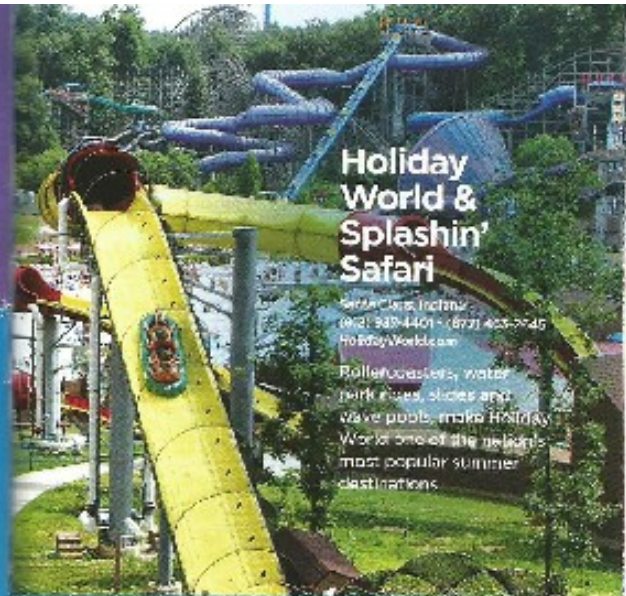
Shawnee National Forest • Shelbyville, Illinois • (618) 253-7194
USDA.gov/main/Shawnee/home

Spectacular views of the Shawnee National Forest. Trails wind through the forest profiling rock formations including Camel Rock and Anvil Rock. Ideal for camping and hiking.

Photo: David Schwen



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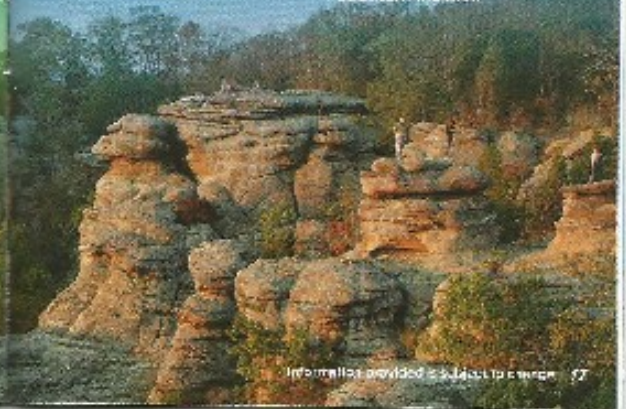
Owensboro, Kentucky
(270) 625-7821 • (800) MY BARN
BluegrassMuseum.org

Bluegrass music was created and grown in Kentucky. This museum celebrates this heritage with exhibits and events that attract bluegrass fans from around the country.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

Lincoln State Park
Lincoln City, Indiana • (812) 837-4541
IN.gov/LINCO

Abraham Lincoln resided in this area from age 7 until 21. His beloved mother is buried at the site. The national monument depicts the life of the young Abe Lincoln as he grew up in Southern Indiana.



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**68TH ANNUAL ADDC
CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 18 – 21,
2019
KANSAS CITY, MIS-
SOURI
MARRIOTT KANSAS
CITY COUNTRY CLUB**

KANSAS CITY 101

There's a lot more to this Midwestern metropolis than what meets the eye.

NICKNAMES
KC • Heart of America • City of Fountains

TRADITIONS

Jazz — From the Roaring '20s to the early '40s, jazz reigned in Kansas City. Tap into KC's signature sound at more than 40 area nightclubs.

Fountains — From small and whimsical to large and majestic, KC has more than 200 waterworks sprinkled throughout the metro.

Barbecue — No matter how you spell it, with more than 100 restaurants, Kansas City is the Barbecue Capital of the World.

SEE+DO

BY THE NUMBERS

- 2.1 million residents (MSA)
- 24 million annual visitors
- \$6.5 billion Downtown renaissance
- Ranked third in U.S. for its number of festivals (Urban 100 City)
- 55 million Americans within a day's drive
- 3-hour flight from either coast

**69TH ANNUAL ADDC CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 16 – 20, 2020
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
SHERATON PITTSBURGH HOTEL –
STATION SQUARE**



GULF OF MEXICO OIL SPILL MAY BE LARGEST SINCE BP DISASTER

An oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in October 2017 may be the largest in the U.S. since the 2010 blowout at BP Plc's Macondo well that sank the Deepwater Horizon rig and killed 11 people.

The Delta House floating production facility about 40 miles (64 kilometers) southeast of Venice, Louisiana, released 7,950 to 9,350 barrels of oil, according to closely held operator LLOG Exploration Co. That would make it the largest spill in more than seven years, data from the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement show, even though it's a fraction of the millions of barrels ejected in the 2010 incident.

"Way offshore, the oil had time to dissipate before it could cause lots of damage," Edward Overton, emeritus professor of the Department of Environmental Sciences at Louisiana State University, said by telephone. "I'm sure there's some impact associated with this spill out in the deep water, but I don't think there was enough for the oil to sink."

The LLOG spill was triggered by a fracture in a flowline jumper, Rick Fowler, the company's vice president for deepwater projects, said in an email. That's a short pipeline used to connect nearby subsea structures. Multiple barriers placed on either side of the fracture stopped the release, but the flowline jumper hasn't yet been repaired, Fowler said.

Oil production from Delta House dropped to around 57,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day from more than 90,000 before the spill, he said. The subsea system affected by the fracture was shut in, though nearby connected systems weren't. The fracture wasn't caused by Hurricane Nate and there were no associated injuries, he said.

BSEE, the federal agency which regulates offshore energy and mineral extraction, started a five-member panel investigation into the cause of the spill, according to an online statement. The members, including inspectors, engineers and accident investigators, will issue their findings and make recommendations.

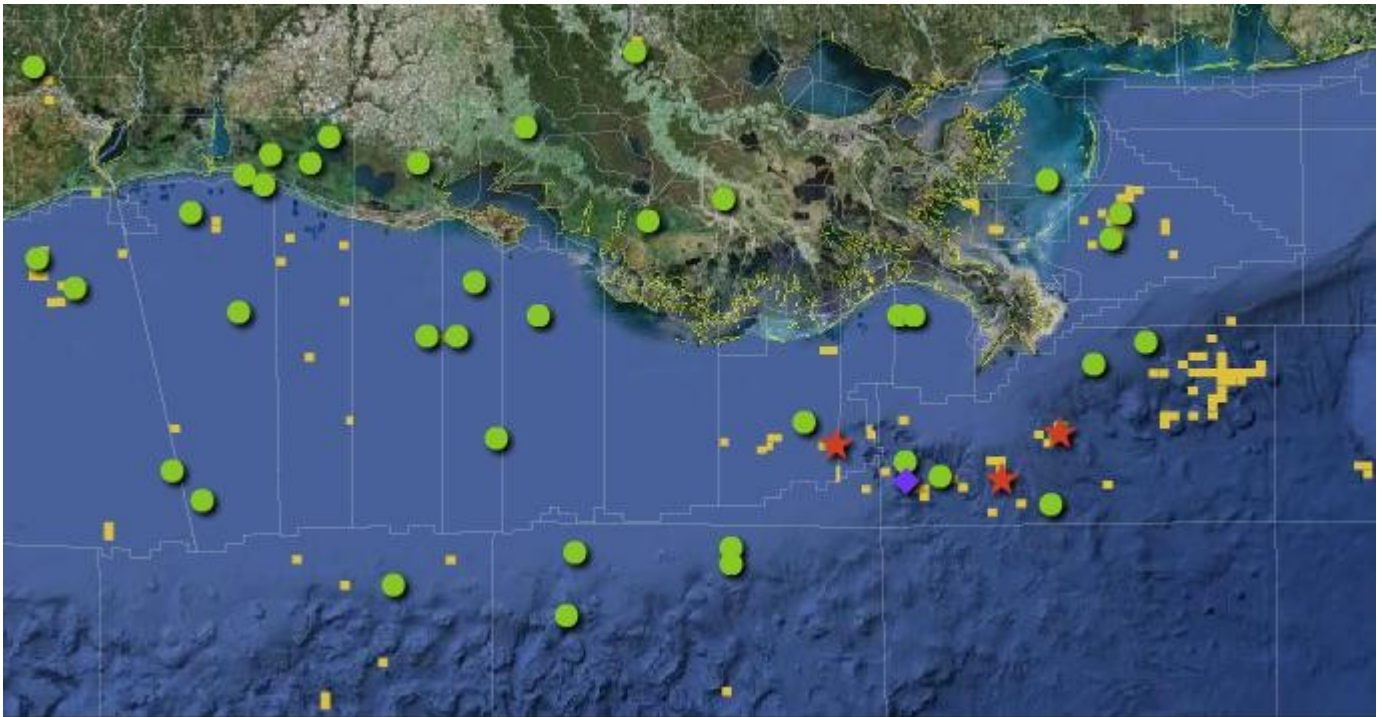
"This panel investigation is a critical step in ensuring BSEE determines the cause, or causes, of the incident and develops recommendations to prevent similar events from occurring in the future," Lars Herbst, BSEE's Gulf of Mexico region director, said in the statement.

The Delta House platform, floating in 4,500 feet of water, came online in April 2015 with peak capacity of 100,000 barrels a day of oil and 240 million cubic feet a day of national gas. Its oil output enters the Heavy Louisiana Sweet crude pool. HLS's premium to benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude widened 15 cents to \$5.55 a barrel, according to Bloomberg data compiled at noon New York time. It has strengthened 45 cents recently.

The 2010 blowout and explosion at the Deepwater Horizon ultradeep-sea drilling rig off the coast of Louisiana left 11 workers dead and set off the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. BSEE, an agency of the Interior Department, was established in the wake of the incident as part of reforms designed to separate federal regulatory responsibilities from lease sales and revenue generation.

"Deepwater Horizon was a wakeup call to the industry, because of the magnitude of the cost to BP," Overton said. "That sends a strong message -- don't do this."

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Top 10 Things You Didn't Know About Off-shore Wind Energy

- 1. Offshore Wind Resources Are Abundant:** Offshore wind has the potential to deliver large amounts of clean, renewable energy to fulfill the electrical needs of cities along U.S. coastlines. The Energy Department estimates offshore wind could produce more than the combined generating capacity of all U.S. electric power plants if all of the resources in state and federal waters were developed.
- 2. Offshore Wind Turbines Can Be Extremely Tall:** In order to capture the abundant wind resources available offshore, offshore turbines can be scaled up to reach the height of the Space Needle, or almost twice as tall as the Statue of Liberty—about 550 feet.
- 3. Offshore Wind Components Are Easier to Transport:** Offshore wind turbine components are transported by ships and barges, reducing logistical challenges that land-based wind components sometimes encounter, such as narrow roadways or tunnels. These components enable offshore wind developers to build larger turbines capable of producing more electricity.
- 4. The U.S. Offshore Wind Industry is Ready for Takeoff:** The Energy Department works to accelerate deployment of offshore wind technologies through a series of projects that reduce market barriers such as environmental impacts, logistical challenges, siting and permitting, and infrastructure development. The Energy Department also works with both the public and private sector to support research and technology innovations that advance the nation's emerging offshore wind industry. Finally, the Energy Department is also working to demonstrate advanced technologies.
- 5. Offshore Wind Farms Use Undersea Cables to Transmit Electricity to the Grid:** Electricity produced by offshore wind turbines travels back to land through a series of cable systems that are buried in the sea floor. This electricity is channeled through coastal load centers that prioritize where the electricity should go and distributes it into the electrical grid to power our homes, schools and businesses.

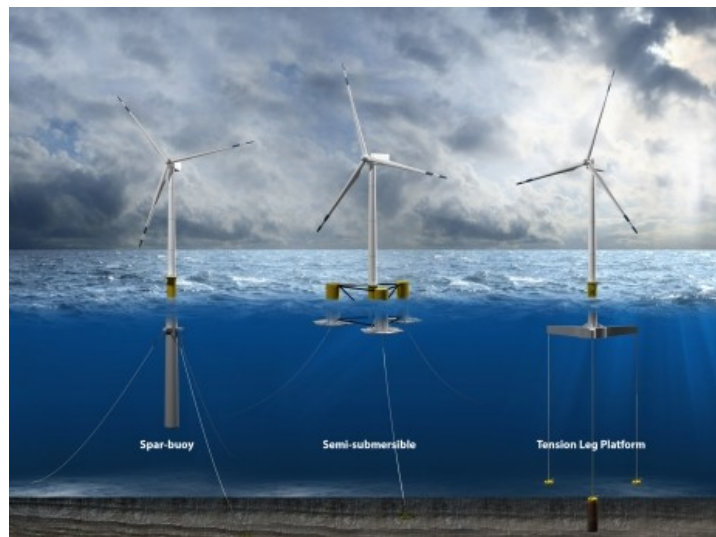
6. The Majority of U.S. Offshore Wind Resources Are in Deep Waters: The bulk of the nation's offshore wind resources, about 60 percent, are in areas where the water is so deep that conventional foundations -- large steel piles or lattice structures fixed to the seabed -- are not practical. U.S. offshore wind projects are developing a variety of different foundations suited to unique conditions at each site.

7. Offshore Wind Turbines Can Float: Several companies are developing innovative floating offshore wind platforms for use in deep waters. Three kinds of floating platforms are spar-buoy, tension leg platform, and semi-submersible.

8. Offshore Wind is Right on Time: Offshore winds are typically stronger during the day, allowing for a more stable and efficient production of energy when consumer demand is at its peak. Most land-based wind resources are stronger at night, when electricity demands are lower.

9. Offshore Wind Resources are Near Most Americans: Nearly 80 percent of the nation's electricity demand occurs in the coastal and Great Lakes states -- where most Americans live. Offshore wind resources are conveniently located near these coastal populations. Wind turbines off coastlines use shorter transmission lines to connect to the power grid than many common sources of electricity.

10. Offshore Wind is Here in America: In December 2016, Deepwater Wind completed the commissioning of the Block Island Wind Farm, marking a milestone as the nation's first commercial offshore wind project. The 30-megawatt (MW) project comprises five 6-MW GE wind turbines installed in state waters off the coast of Block Island. The project included laying a power cable connecting the grid on Block Island, which only uses a small fraction of the power generated, to the mainland grid. As of 2017, there are over 20 additional offshore wind projects in various stages of development throughout the United States.



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