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Dear Westbank Members,

Now that the holidays are behind us, it's time to get back to business.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to chair or work on a committee. The 2018 Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen are busy thinking of innovative ways to spread the word about our club and the Association! Although our numbers are small, get ready because ***We Can Do It!***

We kick off the year with our first guest speaker, Charles Miller, who will educate us on the E&P Financial Assurance Tool used by Waring and Associates to track their business ventures in the Gulf of Mexico.

The journey continues with Christina Forth, our 2018 ADDC President and our Region III Director Carol Schiavone at the helm.

Remember.....***We Can Do It!***

Angie Duplessis



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2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Aimee: Bonnie Wall

Bulletin: Judi Adams

Bylaws: Judi Adams

Field Trip: TBA

Finance: Dottie Ancona

General Arrangements: Elaine Lesnak and Zelda Gillan

Membership/Orientation: Jo Ann Brown

Nominating/Election: TBA

Program/IAN: Judi Adams/Theresa Adams

Scholarship: Susan Miller

Social: Vera Ledet

Community Relations: Judi Adams

***December
Meeting 50/50
Winner
Cora Bergeron***



2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Board Meetings

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July—No Meeting

August 15

September 12

October 17

November 7

December 5

Membership Meetings

January 24

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 23

June 27

July—No Meeting

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 14

December 11

January Birthdays:

Debbie Brazeal 27

Robbye St. Pierre 27



► **January 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Board	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Member	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – 2018

Please complete the form with information on community service opportunities for the coming year.

Member Name(s): _____

Organization Name: _____

Scope of Project:

Time Required: _____

Benefit to Community:

All projects will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Return form to:

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322 Bienville Drive

Gretna LA 70056

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SPEAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Please sign up at the January Meeting for the coming year. Form will be available at January meeting, also.

Month	January	Feb	March	April	May	June
Date	24th	28th	28th	25th	23rd	27th
Speaker	Charles Miller					
Company	Waring & Associates					
Topic	OCS-BBS					
Invocation	Judi Adams					
Introduction	Judi Adams					
Theme	Carnival Time		D&D Awareness Month	42nd Anniversary	School's Out	IAN & Scholarship

2018 AIMEE Contest Entries— submitted by the 2017 AIMEE Committee

Dottie Ancona, Chairman; Bonnie Wall, Member

- ★ Best Large Bulletin: September—Editor, Judi Adams
- ★ Best Industry Article: The 2010 Oil Spill, Then and Now—Author, Gaylen Guillory
- ★ Best President's Letter: February—Author, Susan Miller
- ★ Best D&D Article: Region III Meeting Report—Author, Susan Miller
- ★ Best Industry Program: Geothermal Energy 101—Speaker/Coordinator, Angie Duplessis
- ★ Best D&D Program: Orientation—Speaker, Jo Ann Brown, Author, Judi Adams, Coordinator, Angie Duplessis
- ★ Best Industry Field Trip: Spartan Industrial Products—Speaker, Tommy Tillis, Coordinator, Gabriella Hunter, Author, Dottie Ancona
- ★ Best Industry Photograph: Braided Stainless Steel Hose -- Jewelry Quality— Photographer, Judi Adams

Entries will be judged against other Region III club entries and winners will be announced and awarded at Region III Meeting in New Orleans at the Member Recognition Luncheon on April 7, 2018. Good luck to all of our entries!

**Westbank Holiday
Brunch**

December 3, 2017





How nice to have our friends and family members and guests from the New Orleans and Morgan City clubs join us for the holiday brunch !





Club President Susan Miller presents Toys for Tots donation.



VP Angie Duplessis thanks President Susan Miller for her term as 2017 President



Lucky member Cora Bergeron—won the 50/50 and the wreath, donated by Dottie Ancona

Installation of 2018
Officers and Board of
Directors by Region
III Director Carol
Schiavone, New Or-
leans Club





Linda Belsome and Debbie Brazeal shopped for and delivered groceries to the Gretna Food Bank in December.

A big "thank you" to Debbie and Linda for coordinating the club's community service project in 2017. Yes, we plan to do it again in 2018.

The food bank benefits local homeless and residents in need of food and clothing. Located at 1400 Jefferson St, in Gretna, the hours of operation are Tues.-Fri. 9:30-12:00



Thank you for your donation.

It is greatly appreciated.

Gayle Pittman, Pres.

A Non-Profit Agency
1400 Jefferson Street, Gretna, LA 70053
(504) 367-6676

Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank College Scholarship Guidelines

General Guidelines for All Applicants:

1. Must submit application through an active Westbank Desk and Derrick member. All active Westbank Club Members are encouraged to apply for the Scholarship, provided they meet the guidelines.
2. Graduating High School Seniors must provide copies of both GPA and ACT scores. Proof of cumulative GPA with a minimum of 2.75 and ACT of 23 is needed to qualify. These scores must be on an official transcript with student name.
 - 2a. All High School Seniors must provide a Letter of Acceptance from the College or University attending.
 - 2b. Current college students must submit proof of cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on an official transcript with student name.
3. All applicants must submit completed application form, including all requested documentation to your Desk and Derrick Sponsor by March 1st .
4. No applicant will be granted more than four annual Scholarship Awards (need not be four consecutive years).
5. All applicants must provide at least one letter of recommendation in addition to your Desk and Derrick Sponsor or immediate family member.
6. All applicants must provide a letter or essay detailing intended field or study and educational goals.

Desk and Derrick Sponsor Responsibilities: The Desk and Derrick Sponsor must write and submit a letter to the committee detailing their personal knowledge of the applicant. This letter, the application, and all attachments, **MUST** be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman or be postmarked by March 15th and mailed to: Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank Scholarship Chairman, P. O. Box 2875, Gretna, La. 70053-2875. **Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will be disqualified.**

Scholarship awards will be issued from available funds no later than June 30th of each year. Scholarship checks will be issued jointly to the scholarship recipient and the appropriate College/University. Scholarship checks must be cashed within the 180-day time period as per banking regulations, or the funds will be forfeited.

Desk & Derrick Club of the Westbank College Scholarship Application

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR SPONSOR FOR SUBMISSION

Name_____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Cumulative GPA _____ ACT Score _____

Status (#of credits/hours) _____ Full Time _____ Part time _____

Field of Study _____

College Accepted to/Attending _____

Personal Goals _____

School or Club Activities _____

Community Service Activities _____

Personal Interests/Hobbies _____

Are you employed? Yes _____ No _____ Part Time _____ Full Time _____ Summer Only _____

Comments _____

List any Scholarships, including TOPS, which are currently awarded, the amount, and the expenses covered _____

Desk and Derrick Sponsor Signature _____

All applications must be submitted with requested documentation (See Scholarship Guidelines) to your Desk and Derrick sponsor by March 1st in order to meet the Scholarship Committee Deadline of March 15th .

Region III Director's Newsletter

Carol Schiavone
Region III Director

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Judy Buckley
Baton Rouge

Eugenia Palcuict
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Kathy Martin
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Charlotte Ratcliff
Morgan City

Kathy Gowland
New Orleans

Sheryl Cole
Red River

Angie Duplessis
Westbank



January, 2018

Dear Region III Members:

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU! I sincerely hope when you made your New Year's Resolutions, you included Desk and Derrick as a priority – striving to attend monthly meetings, field trips and seminars that are planned for your educational and social benefit. I know I did. A good way to put that resolution to work is to include your reservation to attend your Region III Meeting to be held April 4th-8th, 2018, in Metairie, Louisiana. Johanna Lae of the New Orleans Club and GAC for 2018 Region is ready, willing and able with any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact her, myself or any of the New Orleans' members.

I would like to take this opportunity to express Region III's sincere APPRECIATION and a THANK YOU to Claudia Prather, Region III Director 2017 for doing an exceptional job of keeping us informed timely so we knew what matters were coming to fruition and which were involved in ongoing discussions.

CONGRATULATIONS to all incoming Region III Presidents for joining the Krewe of Desk and Derrick by taking on the duties and responsibilities that the office of President carries. They are: Judy Buckley, Baton Rouge; Eugenia Palcuict, El Dorado; Kathy Martin, Lafayette; Jessica Wade, Laurel; Charlotte Ratcliff, Morgan City; Kathy Gowland, New Orleans; Sheryl Cole, Red River and Angie Duplessis, Westbank. We have many challenges ahead of us but with determination and dedication we will keep this organization that we believe in and care about so much "afloat".

Please, don't be afraid to ask questions – I promise if I don't know the answer I will address your concerns and questions with the 2018 ADDC Board. As your Region III Director I am the liaison between the clubs and members of your Region and the ADDC Board. They too are ready, willing and eager to be able to help us as a group to get the job done.

The Region III Program Chairman is Lois Folse of the Baton Rouge Club so please let this serve as a reminder that your club program report is due within seven days of your monthly meeting. Let's make her job easier by getting your reports in timely.

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!

Carol Schiavone

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN REGION III



Albert "Doc" Stevenson, 70, a resident of Amelia and native of Gibson, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017. He was veteran of the United States Navy and the United States Army.

Visitation was held Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Siracusaville Recreation Center, 1110 Grace St., in Morgan City, from 9 a.m. until funeral services at 1 p.m. Burial with full military honors followed services in the Morgan City Cemetery.

Albert is survived by his loving wife, Deborah Stevenson; sons, Shayne (Wendy) Stevenson, Shawn and Brian Stevenson; daughters, Shannon Stevenson and April Jerome; brother, Allen (Edith); sisters, Gladys, Ruby (Melvin) and Mary Margaret Stevenson; two godchildren; eight grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Please keep Deborah and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



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Happy New Year! The 2018 ADDC board is excited to serve our membership this year.

As you will notice, we are not staying with the formal format of our letters, including the Regional Directors. We have decided to spice things up and have Regional Directors mention events, member profiles or any upcoming events in the area. Keep members aware of what is happening in the Region. We hope you will enjoy the change, as we really wanted to express more of our members and club activities. If you have information to share, please reach out to your Regional Director, we would like to hear from you.

The final mail votes are in, and both proposals have been passed by 2/3 vote. In 2019 the regional realignment will be implemented, and the position of Vice President eliminated. The 2018 board will help lead you through the changes and implantation in 2018. Budget and Planning will be taking place in Tulsa, Oklahoma January 19th and 20th, 2018. We will also be hearing from the audit committee and planning our upcoming year and future years as well. My mandate is to reach a zero budget this year, and the restructuring will also help the longevity of this great Association.

The current Board for this year are: Carrie Harmon, Region I; Beth Etzkorn, Region II; Carol Schiavone, Region III; Sue Weaver, Region IV; Andrea McGarrah, Region V; Casi Nicholas, Region VI; Tracy Fillmore, Region VII; Wendy Sparks, Treasurer; Evelyn Green, Secretary & Executive Assistant; Keith Atkins, Vice President; Terry Ligon, President Elect; Maggi Franks, Immediate Past President; and Marilyn Carter, Parliamentarian

I would also like to thank all the committee chairmen for stepping up this year as well. We have a dynamic team. Wayne Ammons will be filling the position of ADO Manager and Webmaster.

I am challenging membership to think outside the box. What do I mean by that? Is there some way you can promote our Association? Is there a way you can help on a committee? Volunteer for an event? Step up? The more hands to help, lightens the load. Please know that I am reachable at any time with questions, comments or concerns you wish to express. That is my commitment this year!

I wish everyone a Happy New Year! Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2018 ADDC President.

Christina Forth



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Happy New Year!

Where does the time go!? I cannot believe we are at the beginning of 2018. As each year passes, time seems to fly by so much more quickly than the year before. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas—celebrating the true reason for the season—and a safe New Year's celebration, with family and friends. Now is the time to delve into a great year!

The Association Distribution Office (ADO) will be moved from Oklahoma City to Jane Lew, West Virginia, January 22 - 28, with reopening scheduled for Monday, January 29. Your forthcoming patience during the move and the setting up of the office is greatly appreciated.

Once the **new** ADO postal address is published, I will start updating all forms and applicable webpages on the Association and regional websites in order to alleviate any confusion going forward. The ADO main phone number will remain (405) 543-3464. Once I have updated all forms and applicable webpages, I will provide an update to you via another early-2018 Business Manager newsletter. Again, your forthcoming patience during the transition is greatly appreciated. As an aid and safety net, a postal forwarding order will be invoked this month to ensure any postal mailings are redirected to the correct final destination.

We are looking for 2018 membership renewals and other annual. Could you please gather and submit your 2018 membership renewals, following the instructions that Mark included in his October email message that contained your club's 2018 membership renewal forms. For any clubs that have not yet done so, could you please submit your *New Club Officers Form* (ADO31) and your 2018 club meeting schedule.

Now that we have the housekeeping issues out of the way, I want to encourage each of you to make plans to attend your regional meeting and our 67th Annual ADDC Convention and Educational Conference being held in Evansville, Indiana, in September. Keep a lookout for plenty of information from the ADO—as well as information on the ADDC website—regarding the 2018 Convention and Educational Conference.

For those of you who have volunteered for a club or Association committee—or are considering doing so—it will be a great experience! You will reap valuable information that will help you in your personal and career development, and you will help move our organization forward in a most positive way.

The 2018 ADDC Board of Directors will meet later this month for the annual Budget and Planning Meeting, when The Board will discuss strategies and set a budget for the year. Be on the lookout for updates on what decisions are made and what to expect for 2018 from the ADDC Board of Directors.

I am looking forward to continuing working with each and every one of you—our **membership**—in 2018. Should you ever require information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help!

A blessed and most prosperous New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Wayne Ammons
Business Manager



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Dear Friends and fellow members,

I am pleased to announce that we have an election.

Out of 49 clubs we received 47 ballots. I would like to explain the process so that there is no confusion. The ballots were received by Sheryl Minear. She in turn sent them to Donna Altomari, the chair of the Registrar committee. Donna distributed the ballots to the committee who reviewed and counted the ballots. Donna then sent a Teller report to me. The ballots will be sent to Keith Atkins, 2017 ADDC Secretary, to be held for 30 days in case any questions arise.

The results are:

Proposed Amendment #1 – Region Realignment

Total Votes:	47
Votes For:	34
Votes Against:	12
Abstentions:	1

Proposed Amendment #2 – Elimination of Vice President position on ADDC Board of Directors

Total Votes:	47
Votes For:	35
Votes Against:	12
Abstentions:	0

Please remember that neither of these amendments will take effect until January 1, 2019. During 2018 we will make preparations to make this transition as seamless as possible.

This was a great turn out, and I'd like to thank all the clubs for taking time to participate in this mail vote.

Please feel free to contact me, or any of the Board of Directors with any questions or concerns.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays!

Maggi Franks
2017 ADDC President



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December 30, 2017

TO: All Club Presidents
FROM: 2018 Rules Committee
SUBJECT: Updated Bylaws, Standing Rules, and General Information

In accordance with Standing Rules, 16. Approved amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules shall be distributed by January 1 following each convention.

Therefore, the updated version of the ADDC Bylaws, Standing Rules, General Information, and Code of Ethics reflecting amendments passed at 2017 ADDC Convention is attached and is available on the ADDC website, Members Only section: Guidelines. Bylaws amendments are effective January 1, 2018.

Please ensure your club's Bylaws, Standing Rules, General Information, and Code of Ethics reflect any relevant change; for example, if your club's Bylaws include amount of dues to be paid, they should be updated to include the new ADDC dues amount. Changes made to a club's Bylaws, Standing Rules, General Information, and Code of Ethics due only to ADDC Bylaws and Standing Rules amendments do not require review by the ADDC Club Bylaws Review Committee.

Judi

Judi Adams
2018 Rules Committee Chair

Copy: Christina Forth, ADDC President
Terry Ligon, ADDC President Elect
Marilyn Carter, ADDC Parliamentarian
ADO Manager
2018 Rules Committee

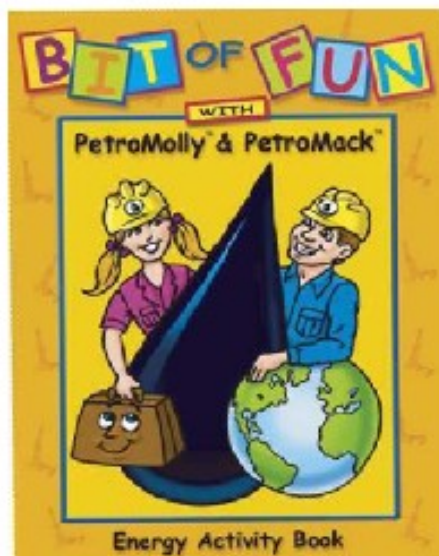
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The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs (ADDC) celebrates more than sixty (60) years of service to the energy industry. A non-profit organization comprised of individuals employed in or affiliated with the petroleum, energy and allied industries located throughout the United States and Canada.

We are proud to present our "Bit of Fun" Energy Activity Book designed to promote education about the oil and gas industry. A great tool to compliment your existing educational materials available throughout the **museum**. Education is what we are all about and so are you!

It's amazing, isn't it? It seems that every day, we hear discussions about the energy world and the challenges for our future. It's enough to make any person's head spin! That's why it is important to order your supplies now. Follow along with PetroMolly™ and PetroMack™ as they tell the story of how hydrocarbons and their byproducts are used to make modern products we use every day.

We guarantee both our quality and on time delivery of shipments and our prices are very competitive. For more information, please go to our website at www.addc.org or contact the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs by phone at 405.543.3464 or by e-mail, ado@addc.org.

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It is with great sadness that I write this email to all of you. Our beloved Gaynelle has gone on to greener pastures and will be our guardian angel. Gaynelle passed away yesterday, December 20th at 3:00 am. She had been taken by ambulance to the hospital around midnight and was diagnosed with pneumonia and her lungs were filled with fluid. She lost consciousness and died. Chuck, her son, and his wife, Tracie were at the hospital with Gaynelle when she passed away.

Please share this with anyone you know who would have known Gaynelle. Gaynelle's memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 30th, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Heights Funeral Home, 1317 Heights Blvd, Houston, TX 77008.

Gaynelle was a member of the Spring Branch Memorial Desk and Derrick Club from 1978 and joined the North Harris/Montgomery Counties Desk and Derrick Club when the SBM Desk and Derrick Club disbanded. Gaynelle joined Desk and Derrick in 1978, she celebrated 39 years this year. She was looking forward to renewing in 2018 to mark her 40th year.

She will be missed but she can breathe again.

Below is Gaynelle's obituary as printed in the Houston Chronicle

Gaynelle Pierce 1941-2017

Gaynelle Pierce, of Houston, Texas, passed away early Wednesday morning, December 20th. Gaynelle was born in 1941 in Dallas, but grew up in Houston, where she attended Reagan High School where she met her husband Charlie and best friends for life, Pat and Buddy Aden. The four-some regularly traveled and shared their lives together Friday for over 60 years.

Gaynelle was one of the early career women, working fulltime, starting in the early 1960s. Early in her career she worked for large corporations as an Executive Assistant, and spent that last 25 years working in the energy industry until her retirement from Baker Hughes as Human Resources Analyst. Gaynelle was an active member of Desk & Derrick Club for over 25 years, served as the President and in recognition of her service was named member for life. Additionally, she had her own business, working as a Mary Kay beauty consultant for many years.

Gaynelle loved traveling. With her beloved husband, Charlie, she travelled to almost every state in the union visiting presidential monuments and libraries. They also traveled to Thailand, Egypt, and countries throughout Europe. She journeyed to China and took several cruises with friends. She kept in touch with friends from all parts of her life and received great joy from the relationships she had with her grandchildren. She was very creative and loved sharing her creations, including quilting, embroidery, jewelry and other fun items.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Charles and Tracie Pierce; her daughter and son-in-law, Jill & Coburn Williams, as well as her four loving grandchildren – Zachary & Alexandra Pierce, Taylor & Nicholas Williams. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, December 30 at 10:00 a.m. at Heights Funeral Home 1317 Heights Blvd, Houston, TX 77008.

Please keep Gaynelle's family in your thought's and prayers.



LOGA's Resolutions for a Prosperous Louisiana

Don Briggs, President of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association

The Christmas season has come and gone, and now we are headed into the final stretch of the holiday season. The New Year has become synonymous with the sounds of champagne bottles popping, fireworks, the ball drop in Time Square, and New Year's resolutions. According to the Statistic Brain Research Institute, over 50 percent of Americans make some kind of resolution for the new year. I believe that it is vital to set goals or resolutions for the upcoming year, especially when it comes to the health of Louisiana's oil and gas industry.

The first of many resolutions for Louisiana's oil and gas sector is to continue the progress of the Bayou Bridge Pipeline. The project, which is set to begin construction very shortly, will stretch from Nederland, TX to a terminal in Lakes Charles and then a finally end at the St. James terminal hub. This \$750 million pipeline project will create approximately 2,500 construction jobs. Along with a boost in jobs, the Bayou Bridge Pipeline provides the safest and most efficient way to transport crude across Louisiana. It is projects like these that are needed to boost economic development and create jobs in Louisiana.

The "Texodus," as coined by a Baton Rouge political writer, refers to the mass migration out of Louisiana. Stopping the trend of outward migration is resolution number 2. The United States Department of Commerce found that between July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017, that 27,515 people moved from Louisiana to other states. Now while not all 27,515 people that left our state went solely to Texas, you can attribute a solid portion of our oil and gas workforce went in that direction. The oil and gas industry is booming in the Permian Basin and unfortunately, taking many of our families across the Louisiana-Texas border. Many oil and gas service companies in the Acadiana area are incredibly busy... incredibly busy sending their workforce into our neighboring states. These service companies have become very technologically advanced, and that has allowed them to become extremely mobile. However, they would much rather be involved in projects in south Louisiana, but they just aren't there.

So how do we stop the mass “Texodus?” That is resolution 3: we must clean up the polluted legal environment that Louisianians and business leaders are forced to deal with. If I have heard it once, I have heard it a million times that the leading reason oil and gas companies are not willing to invest in Louisiana is due to the Legacy and coastal lawsuits. What wise investor would want to come into our state and spend billions of dollars only to be thanked by a lawsuit from a group of slip-n-sue trial lawyers? This issue is not dictated by geopolitical matters or by global supply and demand. It has been instigated and encouraged by the Governor of our great state. We are effectively shooting ourselves in the foot and attempting to compete in a marathon against other oil and gas states. This race won’t end well; we must change the way our state leaders conduct the business of our state.

We must celebrate Louisiana’s oil and gas industry for all of their many contributions to Louisiana. Our vast pipeline infrastructure has enabled the Haynesville shale to wake from its slumber and has also boosted Louisiana’s LNG export ability. These resolutions are not solely about the health and success of the oil and gas industry; it’s about the prosperity of families that work and do business in our beloved state.

Oil trading above \$60 a barrel

Oil continued its revival from the biggest crash in a generation, with prices set for a second annual gain after a year marked by hurricanes, Middle East conflict and the tussle between OPEC and U.S. shale.

Crude as trading at \$60.07 a barrel in New York at about 7:40 a.m. Central time. Oil has not settled above \$60 a barrel since June 2015.

Futures are up more than 11 percent in 2017, having entered a bull market in September. The year’s gains were driven by output cuts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Russia, along with geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and pipeline disruptions from the North Sea to Canada and Libya. In 2018, investors will watch whether the price recovery triggers a new flood of U.S. output.

Source: loga.la

U.S. Government Stops Offshore Safety Study

The U.S. government has halted an independent scientific study of its offshore oil and gas inspections.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) has ordered the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to suspend all work on a study designed to review and update the Bureau's offshore oil and gas inspection program to enhance safety. BSEE was established following the 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* explosion and oil spill that killed 11 people.

The stop-work order, dated December 7, says that within 90 days the stop-work order will either be lifted and work on the study can resume or the contract to perform the study will be terminated. The committee conducting the study held its first and only meeting (to date) in Washington, D.C. on October 26-27. Future meetings planned to be held in the Gulf of Mexico region have been put on hold.

The National Academies have issued a statement saying they are "disappointed that their important study has been stopped."

This is the second National Academies study halted by the Department of the Interior in the last four months. In August, a study on the potential health effects for people living near surface coal mining sites in Central Appalachia was stopped pending a review of contracts. The National Academies have not received any update on the status of that review, and the study remains on hold. "Given how important this study is to the citizens and communities surrounding these surface mining sites in Appalachia, the National Academies believe the study should be completed and are exploring options to do so," said the National Academies. Some private donors have expressed an interest in funding the completion of the study.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine are private, nonprofit institutions that provide independent, objective analysis and advice to the nation. They operate under an 1863 congressional charter to the National Academy of Sciences, signed by President Lincoln.

Source: <https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/us-government-stops-offshore-safety-study>

TGS plans to expand its 3D seismic coverage in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico.

Alonso 3D is a multi-client survey of 6,172 sq km (2,383 sq mi) located in the Atwater Valley and Lloyd Ridge protraction areas of the US Gulf of Mexico. Multi-level targets exist, from Miocene to Jurassic.

This project, the company claims, allows it to extend coverage from a core area in Mississippi Canyon into a more frontier area that is experiencing renewed interest from E&P companies. TGS will acquire new 3D data to provide the higher spatial resolution required to delineate multiple plays at multiple levels.

Acquisition is expected to begin in February 2018. Data processing will be performed by the company using its Clari-FiTM broadband technology.

This survey is supported by industry funding.



Source: offshore-mag.com

The U.S. oil rig count rose by about 42 percent by end-2017 compared to the corresponding period last year, as energy companies boosted spending amid a recovery in crude prices.

Drillers held the number of oil rigs steady for a second straight week at 747 in the week to Dec. 29. That was 222 more than the 525 rigs at the end of 2016, according to General Electric Co's Baker Hughes Inc energy services firm.

The oil rig count, an early indicator of future output, remained unchanged in December after rising by 10 in November. It declined by 3 in the fourth quarter after falling by 6 in the third quarter.

U.S. oil prices closed above \$60 a barrel for the first time since mid-2015 on the final trading day of the year, ending 2017 with a 12 percent gain spurred by strong demand and declining global inventories. Oil prices had been boosted by signs the global crude glut that has dogged the market since 2014 is shrinking, as a year of production cuts led by Middle East-dominated Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Russia helped tighten the market.

OPEC cuts kicked off last January and are scheduled to continue throughout 2018. In 2017, U.S. crude futures have averaged about \$51 a barrel, easily topping last year's \$43.47 average. Looking ahead, futures were trading at about \$59 for the balance of 2018 and \$56 for calendar 2019.

Source: Rigzone.com/news

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