

Westbank Oil Patch



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August Meeting

2019 SE Region Director Evelyn McCurley-Ingraham, 2019 Club President Angie Duplessis, and 2020 SE Region Director-Elect Susan Miller

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Happy Birthday!!

Theresa Adams	Sept 15
Judy Guillot	Sept 15



BOARD MEETINGS	GENERAL MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**	SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**
OCTOBER 16, 2019	OCTOBER 23, 2019
NOVEMBER 13, 2019***	NOVEMBER 20, 2019***
DECEMBER 4, 2019***	DECEMBER 10, 2019***
**Moved up due to Convention September 24-29	
***Moved up due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays	



Monthly Programs and Volunteers				
Month	September	October	November	December
Date	18	23	20	10
Theme	Team Spirit	Halloween	Thanksgiving	Holidays
Speaker	Judi Adams	Susan Miller	TBA	Susan Miller
Topic	Oil Field Trivia	Orientation		Installation
Invocation	Theresa	Judi	Judy G	
Introduction	Theresa	Angie		
Decorations	Judi	Susan	Judy/Sylvia	Debbie/Linda

Contact 2019 VP Zelda Gillan to sign up for volunteer opportunities or with speaker suggestions for monthly meetings.

Club President's Newsletter

Angie Duplessis
President

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September 2019

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Dear Westbank Members,

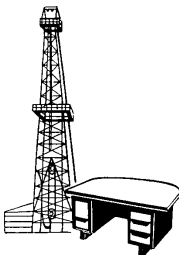
The Bunco Fundraiser for our scholarship fund was a great success. Kudo's to all who participated in this event. Mark your calendar for next year's event to be held on August 1, 2020.

By now I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to read over the Officer and Board Responsibilities and decide which position suits you the best. Complete the Nomination Resume Form, contact Judy Guilliot, Nominating Chairman and let her know that you are interested in serving as a member on the 2020 Officers and Board of Directors.

Later this month I along with other Westbank members will be attending the 68th ADDC Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Be sure to look for Convention Highlights in the October bulletin.

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

Angie Duplessis





Charles Miller, Judi Adams, and Susan Miller, Registration Committee
at the 2019 Deepwater Technical Symposium August 27, 2019



50:50 winner Bonnie Wall about to lose her winnings to Charlie

**WESTBANK DESK & DERRICK CLUB
RESUME' FOR 2020 OFFICE**

Name: _____

Candidate for: _____

Company: _____

Position: _____

Years as D&D Member: _____

Offices held: _____

Club Experience: _____

Association Experience: _____

Regionals Attended: _____ **Conventions Attended:** _____

Business Experience: _____

Educational Background: _____

Personal Data: _____

Company Support: _____

Deadline: _____

Mail your resume to:

Judy Guillot

4005 Hiilcrest

Marrero, LA 70072

504-347-0022

Judy.s.guillot.hvze@statefarm.com

Some of the responsibilities of the officers:

PRESIDENT

1. Coordinate and direct all business of the Club and serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
2. Serve as the presiding officer at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Membership.
3. Call any special meetings of the Board and/or membership as deemed necessary.
4. Serve as Ex-officio member of all committees.

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Serve as assistant to the President and work closely with the President, performing the duties of the presidency during any absence or inability of the President to perform said duties.
2. Succeed to the office of President should a vacancy occur.
3. Accept such duties as are delegated by the President, including chairmanship of any specified committees.

SECRETARY

1. Record minutes of the club meetings and distribute minutes to members by email; provide copies of minutes at the General Membership meetings for the members that do not have access to a computer and the Internet.
2. At least one week prior to each Board meeting, notify the Board of Directors of the date, time, and place of the meeting and furnish each Board member with a copy of the minutes of the last Board meeting.
3. Notify all committee chairmen of any joint meetings with the Board of Directors as may be called by the President at least one week prior to said meeting.

TREASURER

1. Maintain the permanent financial records of the Club and handle all of its funds, keeping an open set of books.
2. Secure proper signature cards as required for all accounts at the beginning of the year, no later than January 15th.
3. Sign all checks jointly with the President and/or Vice President.
4. Complete the "Transmittal List For ADDC Membership Dues."
 - a. Forward the form along with appropriate dues and assessments to the Association Distribution Office and Region Treasurer in a timely manner.

DIRECTOR

1. Send the appropriate card in the event of sickness or death.
2. Serve to record minutes in the absence of the Secretary.
3. Serve to other duties as assigned by the President.

For complete lists of officer responsibilities, visit the club's website:

http://westbankdandd.org/Bylaws_and_Rules/ResponsibilitiesOfficersAndBoardMembers_June2018.pdf

Westbank Desk and Derrick Club

Community service to the

GRETNA FOOD BANK

COLLECTING MONEY AND FOOD ITEMS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER!

breakfast cereal, oatmeal, pasta, rice, crackers, flour, grits,
healthy snacks canned vegetables, canned fruits, shelf-stable vegetable or fruit juice
diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, dried fruits, fruit cups
canned tuna, canned beans, dried beans, peanut butter



Oatmeal



grits



cereal



pasta



rice



flour



crackers



canned vegetables



fruit juice



tomato sauce

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Gretna Food Bank accepts all **nonperishable** items.
(i.e., foods that do not need to be frozen or refrigerated)

They prefer **non-glass** containers for safety reasons.

Please also consider nutritional food items that are low in sodium/salt/sugar.

Whole grain and whole wheat items are also very much needed.

(i.e., bread, crackers, rice, pasta)



2019

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

WESTBANK DESK AND DERRICK

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

SENDING THOUGHTS AND WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS, SAFE AND QUICK RETURN HOME,

GOD'S BLESSINGS, THANKS FOR PROTECTING OUR FREEDOMS

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 2019 CARDS IN 2019!

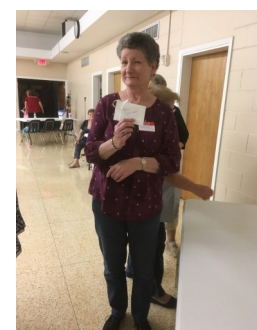
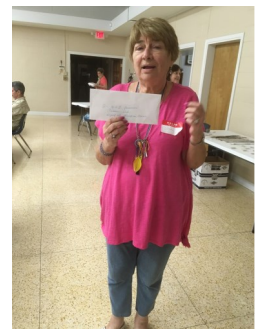
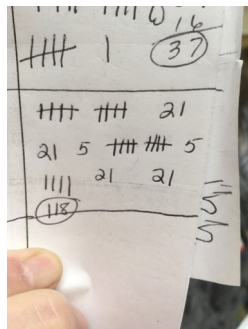
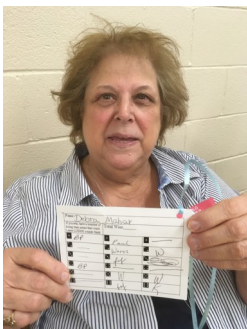
You can participate by donating new cards with envelopes and by volunteering to sign as many cards as you can during the year. Project will continue through October.

CONTACT BONNIE R. WALL 504-362-3671 (H) 504-439-1650 (C) E MAIL seawall4@cox.net





Winner: Dianne Leon - 15 games
Booby Prize: Kori Allemand - 4 games



***All proceeds benefit the Desk and Derrick Club of the
 Westbank Scholarship Fund***

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS BASKET RAFFLE

Donation: \$2.00/1 ticket or \$5.00/3 tickets

Proceeds designated for Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank

Scholarship Fund

Basket Includes:

Large Fleur de Lis Serving Dish

8 x 10 Fleur de Lis Picture Frame

Fleur de Lis Jewelry Box

2 Large Beer Mugs with Fleur de Lis Emblems

Beautiful Round Black & Gold Hanging Medallion



Contact: Susan Miller 504.908.6131

smiller2020rd@yahoo.com

Winner announced at December Membership Meeting – 12/11

(winner need not be present to win)

Southeast Region Director

*Evelyn McCurley-
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SE Region
Director
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September 2019

Dear Southeast Region Members

September is here. Its time to pack your bags and get ready to attend ADDC Convention in Kansas City, MO

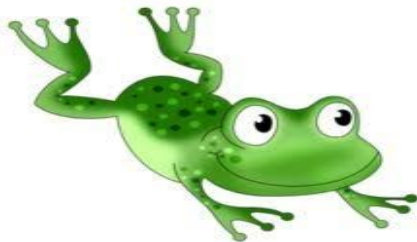
The Registration for Convention is 145 as of today. The late fee have been waived and you still have time to attend. The meeting will be September 25th - 28th at the Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza. There are many fieldtrips, seminars and many other things to see and do.

There have been some changes in fieldtrips as noted in previous Emails. Please bring your copies of the proposed amendments as your Delegate will be voting on these proposed changes.

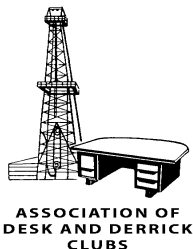
The site to use for tickets to Kauffman Stadium to see the Royals and the Atlanta Braves play at 7:15 PM on September 24th is listed. Site is www.mlb/ballpark/netting to order tickets. Deadline to order is 5:15 PM on the 24th.

If you have any concerns or issues; You can reach me by phone or email. Always remember, I am Your voice and I represent you, the members of the Southeast Region.

Evelyn McCurley-Ingram



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Education, Professionalism and Achievement.”*



ADDC
2nd Annual Southeast Region Meeting
April 15-20, 2020

Hosted by Desk and Derrick Club of the Westbank
General Arrangements: Angie Duplessis and Judi Adams
Susan Miller, 2020 SE Region Director

Won't you let me take you on a sea cruise?

New Orleans to Cozumel, Mexico

- Holiday Inn, 275 Whitney Avenue, Gretna, LA 70053
- Carnival Valor
- Cruise & Park Package
- \$149 (includes room, cruise parking, & buffet breakfast for 2)
 - ▶ A+ Transportation - \$12 roundtrip shuttle service to cruise pier

Book CRUISE through **The Cruise Shoppe** for D&D Rates

▶ 504-364-1986

- Room Types: Interior (2 lowers), Ocean view, Balcony, Suite, Grand Suite
- A deposit locks in the room rate and is refundable until the final payment is made by February 2020
- \$25 deposit per person/\$50 cabin - choose a category
- \$150 deposit per person/\$300 per cabin - pick a cabin

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
– Deposit and book early for best rates. Contact **The Cruise Shoppe** for room rates.





Terry Ligon

2019 ADDC President

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Philana Thompson
Merriion Oil & Gas

September 2019

Is it possible that Convention is upon us? It is now just a few short weeks away. It takes a huge effort to plan and host a major event such as Convention and Caci Nichols and Tammy Watkins and their committee have put in countless hours towards making this an extraordinary event. I appreciate their dedication and willingness to take on this huge endeavor. After 3 years of planning, Caci, Tammy and the Central Region are looking forward to showing you "Kansas City".

The ADDC Board will be meeting for the Pre-Convention Board Meeting on the Tuesday of Convention week. We will be reviewing what the Board and committees have accomplished this year and touching on what still needs to be done. If you have any concerns or items for discussion, now is the time to let your Region Director, or any member of the Board, know and they can bring it up during the meeting.

Next month, I will introduce your new ADDC officers for 2020 and give you a recap of this year's convention. If you are planning to attend, I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City. If you cannot join us, I will surely miss you.

Enough about Convention! Is your club getting ready to elect officers for 2020? Are you willing to be nominated? I know many clubs have a hard time finding candidates for their Boards of Directors. Is it fear of letting someone down? Is it fear of the unknown? Then ask yourself, "Am I satisfied with my club's path? Can I make a change?" I know many people who have commented on their dissatisfaction with the current state of their club; be it losing members, a desire for more field trips or, maybe, ideas for fundraisers. If you want things to change, then sometimes you have to be the change.

I would remind each club that it is time to start putting together your packet for Contest. The deadline for entries is December 15th so start choosing entries you want to send in. From the bulletins I have read this year, every club should have great entries.

You need to start making notes of items you want your 2020 Region Director to bring before the Budget and Planning meeting in January. Your input is invaluable in planning for the future of the Association.

Just Remember – "FOLLOW YOUR ARROW WHEREVER IT POINTS!"

Terry Ligon

ASSOCIATION OF DESK AND DERRICK CLUBS

2020 ADDC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

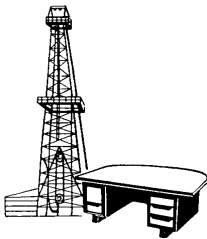
		Deadline Date:		October 1, 2019			
Name				Mailing Preference (please select one)			
Company				Office		Home	
Address							
City, State, Zip							
Office Phone				Fax			
Office 800# or e-Mail				Home Phone			
Member of		Club in Region		Years of Membership			
I wish to serve as (please select one)							
		ADDCC Committee Chairman					
		ADDCC Regional Representative					
Please check any committees below in which you are interested; however, you will be able to participate in only one committee. (You may prioritize - 1, 2, 3.)							
STANDING COMMITTEES							
		Club Bylaws Review		Public Relations / Trade Shows			
		Education		Rules			
		Membership		Tax Exempt Canada			
		Program		Tax Exempt US			
SPECIAL COMMITTEES							
		ADDCC Manuals Review		Long Range Planning			
		Certification		Publications			
		Contest		Registrar			
		The Desk and Derrick Journal		Scrapbook			
		Leadership Resource		Technology			
EXPERIENCE							
ADDCC							
Club							
PERTINENT BUSINESS:							
Please mail or email to:		Keith Atkins					
		Murphy USA Inc.					
		PO Box 7300					
		El Dorado AR 71731-7300					
		keith.atkins@murphyusa.com					
Rev 08-19		ADDCC 16					

Club Bylaws Review Committee

Judi Adams
Chairman

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Region Representatives
Northeast – Cindy Krebs
Southeast – Judi Adams
Central – Lois Roberts
West – Ingrid Burton
Board Contact – Wendy Sparks



August 2019

The Club Bylaws Review Committee is responsible for reviewing the club and region bylaws and ensuring they are in compliance with ADDC Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Code of Ethics.

With the realignment of clubs into four regions and development and revisions of Region Bylaws, there have been confusion and conflicts with the schedule for review proposed earlier this year. In May 2019, the ADDC Board approved a new four-year schedule for club and region reviews. Effective January 2020, all clubs will send their bylaws to be reviewed on a four-year rotation. The attached schedule shows when each club and region is scheduled for review. This is based on the most recent date each club and region has been reviewed.

Per standard procedures, if your club passes any change to its Bylaws, Standing Rules, or Code of Ethics (other than changes based on ADDC Bylaws amendments), please submit them to be reviewed. Be sure to follow procedures for submitting bylaws using *Exhibit A Letter of Transmittal for Club Bylaws Review*. The forms and guidelines should be available on the ADDC website or through me (I can forward the forms if needed.).

Should you have any questions regarding your club's bylaws or the process for submitting them for review, please contact me via e-mail (dandd.judi@gmail.com).

Judi Adams, 2019 Chairman
Club Bylaws Review Committee

Cc: Terry Ligon; Committee Members

attachment – Exhibit E Schedule Bylaws Review

SOUTHEAST REGION	2016	2017	2018	2019	NEXT
REGION BYLAWS			X		2022
BATON ROUGE					2020
CORPUS CHRISTI		X			2021
EL DORADO					2020
LAFAYETTE	X			X	2023
MORGAN CITY					2020
NEW ORLEANS					2020
NORTH HARRIS/MONTGOMERY CO	X		X		2022
RED RIVER					2020
SAN ANTONIO	X	X			2021
VICTORIA	X				2020
WESTBANK			X		2022
Rep: Judi Adams	RD Evelyn McCurley-Ingram				

Parliamentary Pointers

ALWAYS:

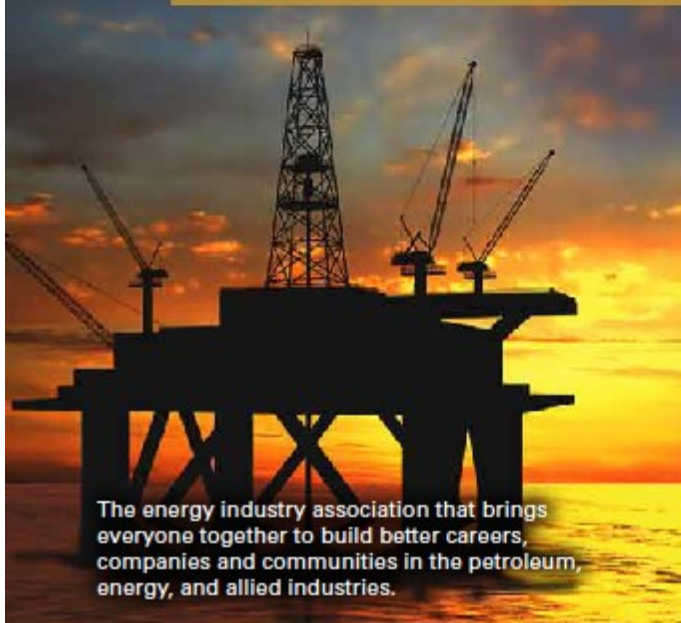
1. Use only one firm tap of the gavel to open the meeting. Another may be used to close it, and it may be used in between only if the assembly is disorderly.
2. Ask only for corrections when approving the minutes since they include any and all changes.
3. State the motion after the second and before inviting debate.
4. Restate the motion before putting it to vote if discussion has been prolonged.
5. Announce the result of the vote and what will happen as a result of the action just taken.
6. Call for the negative vote even though the affirmative vote indicates the motion has carried.
7. Expedite the business by taking the vote by general consent when there is nothing controversial. Say, "If there is no objection, we will ", after a pause, say, "Hearing none, we will ".
8. Use the presiding officer's right to vote to make or break a tie. When his/her vote will change the result.
9. Remember that a recommendation is only a suggestion. It takes a motion or a resolution to ORDER SOMETHING DONE.
10. Make reports in the third person.



Association of **DESK and DERRICK** Clubs



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ADDC makes your employee a stronger part of your team.



ADDC membership helps your employee to innovate and find cost savings.



As a member of ADDC, your employee learns about the energy industry and develops leadership skills. Send us your novice and we'll help build them into a seasoned professional. Send us your seasoned professional, and we'll help take them to the next level of excellence and proficiency.

ADDC membership exposes your employee to new ideas and concepts from across the energy industry. Through educational meetings, tours and webinars, your employee will learn the latest trends and best practices. This will help them to innovate and find cost savings for your company.



She Had a Dream...

As you may know, I have been photographing contents of the Westbank Club's historical scrapbooks, so they can be sent for archives at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library at Texas A&M in Corpus Christi, TX. The three hefty, but crumbling, books start in 1976, the year the club was chartered, and cover 1976-1986. I also photographed the scrapbook – MEMORY BOOK – Patsy Metcalf and club members created for me when I was Club President in 1993. You can only imagine some of the fun, funny, interesting, and educational things stored within the covers of these four tomes. In one, I found an unsourced article about Inez Awty Schaeffer, the founder of ADDC. We've all heard many times about the founding of the Association and historical facts, but this was more of a personal story. Mrs. Schaeffer was a very accomplished lady for her time, taking many risks in her personal and professional lives. So, here is my take on this story.

Born in Minnesota, Inez Lord Awty was relocated to Florida when she was six years old. Only six years later, her father, a physician and surgeon, passed away. Her mother moved the family to Illinois to live with her grandfather, who was president of East Illinois State University. The family hoped Inez would go to Bryn Mawr for her education, but due to the depression, she instead attended Northwestern University of Chicago. She majored in Latin and Greek, but soon found that there were not many opportunities to use that education to earn a living. Upon the death of her grandfather, Inez was spurred to find a way to make a living. With help from an uncle that lived in New York, she set out for the theater at the age of 21. Although she was offered a position with the Oxford University Press, she was sure she was "an actress" and turned them down. A brief stint on the stage, appearing in "Scandal" with Rosalind Russell ended that dream when the play closed in just two weeks.

Determined to succeed at something, Inez entered business school and worked for several years as the secretary to a manager at Montgomery Ward in Chicago. She went on to work as a recorder at Northwestern University and as secretary to Macy's fashion director back in New York. For a short time in the 30s, she moved back to Louisiana, where she helped her family raising chickens (which she didn't like) and rabbits (which she liked too much to sell) until she put herself back in the job market as a stenographer. This led to her job with Humble Oil. They were drilling a well in Livingstone Parish and she was ready for a new adventure. Despite being offered an opportunity to return to Oxford University Press, she was determined to find adventure with the oil industry. She worked for Humble in Lake Charles for a year before the company moved its operations to New Orleans – very fortuitously for D&D, I must say. While working for Humble for nine years, she saw the camaraderie between the oil executives and thought that the support staff – secretaries, etc. – would benefit from being part of an organization that taught them more about their jobs. In a 1951 Midland Reporter-Telegram it was written, "Miss Awty thought if men in the oil industry could be organized and know men outside their own company, then the women could do likewise." The rest, as they say, is ADDC History.

After twenty years working in many arenas, she met Paul Schaeffer, himself a retired Cities Service employee. From then on, she was more focused on him and their lives together. When they married in 1952, they lived in the French Quarter. Not one to let any moss grow under her feet, she and Paul became very active in the Vieux Carre Restoration group that started with renovation and restoration of a 1915 cottage on Toulouse. They spent a few years living in and loving the historical Quarter.

At age 50, she turned another page in her book of dreams, when inspired by Paul's love of painting, she enrolled in a three-year painting correspondence course. She later took on the art of sculpture, thinking that the 3D aspects of sculpting would help with 2D painting techniques. Her art was well received, and during her lifetime more than 200 of her pieces were sold. She used the name Star Schaeffer as an artist and in her personal life. While living in Tulsa, OK, she was also teaching Tai Chi to senior citizens. And, Inez had a self-published book of poetry, "Search and Discovery."

But in 1949, one big dream of Inez "Star" Lord Awty

Schaeffer resulted in a very valuable and vibrant organization – The Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs. Her original idea for the organization was to help herself and other women working in the oil industry do better at their jobs. She also enjoyed the personal and professional development, not just for herself but to share the opportunities with others. Her enthusiasm and imagination played a part in developing the organization; knowing who to ask – and how – to get support for D&D. Now, 70 years later, we are still doing all we can do to keep her dream alive.



Inez Autey Schaeffer, D & D Founder, presented with Honorary Membership in ADDC at Saturday Luncheon—1952.



Judi Adams

Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale Yields More Than \$159 Million in High Bids, Continues Upward Trend Under Trump Administration

BOEM PRESS RELEASE – In support of President Donald J. Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, Interior's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Andrea Travnicek today announced that region-wide Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 253 generated \$159,386,761 in high bids for 151 tracts covering 835,006 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the lease sale, submitting \$174,922,200 in all bids.

“We are excited about the results from today's lease sale, which show a continued upward trend for the year. The total from today's lease sale and the March sale is the highest since 2015 for high bids,” **said Deputy Assistant Secretary Travnicek**. “The Gulf of Mexico continues to be a critical part of our nation's energy infrastructure strengthening our country through increased national security, job creation, and revenues for the American people.

Lease Sale 253 included 14,585 unleased blocks, located from three to 231 miles offshore, in the Gulf's Western, Central and Eastern Planning Areas in water depths ranging from nine to more than 11,115 feet (three to 3,400 meters). The following were excluded from the lease sale:

(1) blocks subject to the congressional moratorium established by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, (2) blocks adjacent to or beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap, and (3) whole blocks and partial blocks within the boundaries of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

“The Gulf of Mexico is the crown jewel of our nation's energy portfolio,” **said Mike Celata, director of BOEM's New Orleans Office**. “As one of the most productive basins in the world, the development of its resources are (sic) essential to the nation's energy security.”

Revenues received from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leases (including high bids, rental payments and royalty payments) are directed to the U.S. Treasury, certain Gulf Coast states (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama), the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Historic Preservation Fund.

Leases resulting from this sale will include stipulations to protect biologically sensitive resources, mitigate potential adverse effects on protected species, and avoid potential conflicts associated with oil and gas development in the region.

In addition, BOEM has included appropriate fiscal terms that take into account market conditions and ensure taxpayers receive a fair return for use of the OCS. In recognition of current hydrocarbon price conditions and the marginal nature of remaining Gulf of Mexico shallow water resources, these terms include a 12.5 percent royalty rate for leases in less than 200 meters of water depth, and a royalty rate of 18.75 percent for all other leases issued under the sale.

Lease Sale 253, livestreamed from New Orleans, was the fifth offshore sale held under the 2017-2022 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. Under this program, ten region-wide lease sales are scheduled for the Gulf, where resource potential and industry interest are high, and oil and gas infrastructure is well established. Two Gulf lease sales will be held each year and include all available blocks in the combined Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas.

New Orleans People and Companies Need Jobs Not Lawsuits

via [Louisiana Record](#)

New Orleans Mayor Latoya Cantrell has taken a stand against the oil and gas companies that operate within the state, alleging they have caused massive coastal erosion due to channels that were dug years ago. But pro-business groups are not convinced that lawsuits will solve the problem.

In an interview, lead coastal reporter for WWNO-FM Tegan Wendland explained how the purported damage has taken place.

“Louisiana’s entire coast is sinking and washing away and one of the reasons is these channels, as there’s a lot more drilling out in the Gulf of Mexico, but there used to be a lot of rigs closer inland and to get to those rigs the past hundred years or so, companies dug these channels through these marshes and saltwater got into those and eroded them and that’s contributed by some accounts up to 90 percent of the land loss that we have experienced here so far,” Wendland said.

Grow Louisiana Coalition warns lawsuits are not a proactive way to solve the erosion situation.

“Lawsuits do not build relationships; they end them,” Grow Louisiana Coalition Executive Director Marc Ehrhardt told *Louisiana Record*. “The message being sent to thousands of New Orleanians who have made their lives and raised their families in the City of New Orleans is that their work, their years of paying taxes, rebuilding their homes and neighborhoods, and their value to the community means nothing. The city would rather sue them.”

Ehrhardt pointed out that the lawsuits, which were filed in 2013, have been thrown out of federal court four times.

“Other lawsuits still languish in the court system without any significant movement more than five years after they were first filed,” Ehrhardt said. “The people and businesses of New Orleans need jobs for everyone, not lawsuits.”

Still, Cantrell remains determined to seek out damages for what she believes is the fault of the energy companies.

“The mayor is looking for money to rebuild the marshes in any way that she can,” Wendland said. “The oil and gas industry is certainly not very happy about it.”



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