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General Comment

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULES, REGULATIONS OR AGENCY ACTIONS:

I am concerned that you are flooding the oil and gas companies with too many reporting regulations. You need to enter into the digital age. I would recommend that the federal government and the oil and gas industry simply work on a software program, wherein this information can be electronically entered into at the rig from certain key personnel and that it is immediately available to the companies representatives on land, to the BSEE, to BOEM and to emergency responders. Also, in many cases, inspections can be done by cameras.

The issue gets down as to who in charge of the rig in case of an emergency. You are going to have a problem if you have inexperienced inspectors telling seasoned professional engineers what to do in the case of an emergency.

I would recommend that permit fees and royalties be lowered as to assist the oil and gas companies in utilizing the latest electronic monitoring equipment and reporting software.

Also, please post a notice with one list of all the information that you expect to receive from an oil and gas company.

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