



OVERVIEW

BSEE Pacific Region is responsible for managing the production of conventional and renewable energy resources on the federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), which extends seaward of California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and the Pacific U.S. Trust Territories.

Currently, the office inspects and manages compliance for 23 oil and gas platforms installed between the late 1960s and 1990, including 208 miles of pipeline and 147,436 acres of active leases. Since 1963, 1,621 wells have been drilled in federal waters offshore Southern California.

BSEE Pacific Region responsibilities often overlap with the responsibilities and regulations of other federal and state agencies. The bureau works closely with these partners to ensure we approach this shared regulatory space in an efficient and consistent manner.

Committed to maintaining open and transparent communications, the Pacific Region, working closely with the BSEE Tribal and Community Liaison, engages Tribal Governments keeping them apprised of general offshore activities and facilitating communication with BSEE senior leaders.

These important conversations emphasize trust, respect, and shared responsibility as part of a deliberative process to promote effective collaboration and informed decision-making.

ORGANIZATION

The Pacific Region office, located in Camarillo, California is organized into a regional directorate and three sections covering field operations, production and development, and strategic operations.

Pacific Region personnel include engineers, inspectors, geologists, geophysicists, GIS specialists and environmental compliance personnel. In addition, Oil Spill Preparedness Division, public affairs, information technology and human resources personnel are actively engaged in region activities to further BSEE's mission.



- Active Leases
- No Action - Congressional Moratorium
- OCS Planning Area Boundary

Region personnel are committed to ensuring safe and environmentally responsible offshore oil and gas development. As federal regulators, BSEE personnel ensure safe and environmentally responsible operations by enforcing operator compliance with regulations, conducting inspections and exercises, overseeing safety and environmental performance programs, and validating the tactics, logistics, resource availability, and personnel proficiency requirements identified in approved plans and permits.



OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

There are six companies currently operating on the Pacific OCS and production accounts for roughly 4.4 million barrels of oil and 2.8 billion cubic feet of gas annually. BSEE Pacific Region personnel perform a robust annual inspection program, evaluating operators and facilities, with some platform infrastructure being more than 50-years-old.

Eight of the 23 platforms in the Pacific Region, Gail, Grace, Habitat, Harvest, Hermosa, Hidalgo, Houchin and Hogan, are in the beginning stages of the decommissioning process.

Decommissioning involves the operator completely removing the two separate parts of the well, the topside which is the structure visible above the waterline and the substructure which are the parts between the surface and the seabed, or mudline.

The substructure is generally severed 15 feet below the mudline, then removed and brought to shore to sell as

scrap for recycling or refurbishment and reuse at a different location. If the State of California has an active rigs-to-reef program, the operator may propose to leave a portion of the substructure in-place.

From planning to execution, the decommissioning process can take up to 10 years and is coordinated through several agencies and the facilities' operators.

In conjunction with the Department of the Interior's efforts to advancing the nation's first-ever offshore wind energy goal — to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030, the Pacific Region is also involved in renewable energy projects off the coasts of Oregon and Hawaii.

In preparation for large scale wind energy on the OCS, Pacific Region employees are involved in developing regulations, inspection guidelines, and other procedures to promote safe and environmentally responsible offshore wind energy operations.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, established in 2011, is a U.S. Department of the Interior agency. BSEE promotes worker safety, environmental protection and conservation of resources through regulatory oversight and enforcement of the offshore energy industry on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf.