

Civil Penalties Program

The goal of the BSEE OCS Civil Penalties Program is to assure safe and clean operations on the OCS. Through the pursuit, assessment, and collection of civil penalties and referrals for the consideration of criminal penalties, the program is designed to encourage compliance with OCS statutes and regulations.

Civil Penalties Summary (as of 2/17/2025)

Penalties Paid for FY2019

(10/1/2018-9/30/2019)

Operator Name and Case #	Violation and Date(s)	Penalty Paid & Date Paid	Regulation(s) Violated 30 CFR
Fieldwood SD Offshore LLC G-2016-015	Crane boom collapsed. December 1, 2015	\$43,576.00 December 19, 2018	G-110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
BHP Billiton Petroleum (GOM) Inc. G-2016-024	Rigs top drive traveling assembly struck the crown of the derrick. March 20, 2016	\$38,100.00 November 11, 2018	G-110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Fieldwood Energy Offshore LLC G-2016-028	Two Shutdown valves (SDV) bypassed on two incoming pipelines. May 20, 2015 - May 21, 2015	\$120,000.00 December 19, 2018	(2) P-103 30 CFR 250.803(c)
Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC P-2017-002	A Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC (POOLLC) employee sustained bodily injuries from a fall of approximately (18 ft) while installing a temporary catwalk onto the production rig pipe deck. June 27, 2016	\$5,513.00 May 14, 2019	G-110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Whistler Energy II, LLC G-2017-015	Falling material in a confined workspace (Mud/Gas Separator) resulting in a fatality. March 9, 2016 - March 10, 2016	\$87,152.00 August 23, 2019	G-110 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Energy XXI GOM, LLC G-2017-030	Failure to maintain accessible evacuation routes and failure to provide sufficient barriers to out-of-service locations. March 28, 2017	\$31,750.00 November 1, 2018	G-111 30 CFR 250.107
Fieldwood SD Offshore LLC G-2017-038	Hotwork being conducted within 35ft of flammable substances. June 2, 2017	\$36,750.00 December 19, 2018	G-303 30 CFR 250.113(a)
Fieldwood SD Offshore LLC G-2018-007	Flash fire resulted in a person being burned and falling overboard. August 10, 2017	\$43,576.00 October 22, 2018	G-110 30 CFR 250.107

GoMex Energy Offshore, Ltd. G-2018-008	During an inspection, BSEE observed an atmospheric tote tank containing a flammable substance located within 35 feet of welding operations, and not rendered inert or protected with flame-proofed covers. February 9, 2018	\$21,750.00 October 18, 2018	G-303 30 CFR 250.113(a)
Arena Offshore, LP G-2018-010	During an inspection, workers initiated an incident that caused a release of 1000 psi gas. The workers did not properly plan the job to eliminate hazards. February 1, 2018	\$16,300.00 October 16, 2018	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Cox Operating, LLC G-2018-012	According to the investigation findings and documents submitted to BSEE, a small fire occurred while the workers were performing hot work for the installment of temporary quarters and associated equipment for workover operations. February 5, 2018 - February 7, 2018	\$70,749.00 January 25, 2019	G-303 30 CFR 250.113(a)
ANKOR Energy LLC G-2018-014	Crane lifting operations resulted in an employee hand injury. April 12, 2018	\$38,100.00 November 9, 2018	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Shell Offshore Inc. G-2018-015	During an inspection, BSEE discovered an open hole that was not properly barricaded to protect personnel from entering the hazardous area. April 20, 2018	\$26,750.00 October 22, 2018	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Fieldwood Energy LLC G-2018-022	During a BSEE inspection, the hydraulic control line for the B-19 well SCSSV was found tie-wrapped in the closed position, rendering the safety device bypassed, without being flagged or actively monitored. July 25, 2018	\$26,750.00 April 2, 2019	P-103 30 CFR 250.869(a)
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation G-2018-023	According to the investigation findings, workers were in the process of removing the rigs Blowout Preventers (BOPs), and High-Pressure Riser System, when the Lateral Support Guide frame they were utilizing as a work platform, fell approximately 17 feet, injuring two of the workers. May 19, 2018	\$38,100.00 March 7, 2019	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Fieldwood Energy LLC G-2018-022	INC issued due to the improper operating, and subsequent exploding, the wells SSV actuator on January 18, 2018. January 18, 2018	\$26,750.00 April 12, 2019	G-110 30 CFR 250.107

Shell Offshore Inc. G-2018-026	Incident during well operations resulted in an employee foot injury. June 25, 2018	\$43,576.00 March 15, 2019	G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Shell Offshore Inc. G-2018-027	INC was issued due a failure to prevent the discharge of hydrocarbons into the Gulf of America. May 12, 2016	\$39,000.00 August 28, 2019	E-100 30 CFR 250.107(a)
Shell Offshore Inc. G-2019-007	Incident - Explosion and a subsequent fire on the platform during pig loading operations caused injuries to personnel and >\$25,000 in damage to the facility. November 8, 2017	\$89,350.00 August 15, 2019	L-126 30 CFR 250.1000(a) G-110 30 CFR 250.107
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation	A pollution event (>50 bbl) occurred during mud transfer operations. September 3, 2018	\$75,800.00 June 3, 2019	G-110 30 CFR 250.107 E-100 30 CFR 250.300(a)

19 cases were closed during FY2019 with payments totaling \$913,879.00