



**VISION STATEMENT FOR THE
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
AND
U.S. COAST GUARD**

The Federal waters of the United States host a complex energy infrastructure consisting of subsea pipelines and production and storage facilities that support the supply of crude oil and natural gas critical to our Nation's economy. The daily activities associated with exploration, development, and production of these energy resources takes place with risks that must be mitigated through conscientious regulatory oversight and enforcement.


Protection of our country's marine environment, and the safety of mariners and those employed in the offshore energy sector, is shared by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). Through the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, BSEE and the USCG pursue specific missions to prevent oil spills in offshore waters, limit impacts to environmental and economic resources in the event of a spill, and ensure safe working conditions on offshore facilities and vessels. Over time, both agencies have worked to successfully achieve their independent missions.

Recent seminal catastrophic events, including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the Macondo well blowout have highlighted the unique roles that BSEE and the USCG perform during emergency response as well as the importance of coordinated government response involving offshore energy infrastructure. Aging facilities, evolving workforce safety cultures, emerging technologies, and advances by the industry into deeper waters of the OCS have further underscored the need for fully integrated cooperation and alignment between the oversight activities of the BSEE and the USCG.


Through this statement, we recognize the added strength and synergies that we experience through routine communication and coordinated action on environmental protection and worker safety. This recognition is captured in the following BSEE and USCG statement that sets forth and adopts the future vision to which both of our agencies aspire.

“Building a lasting Federal partnership to improve safety and environmental protection in the offshore environment through collaboration and coordinated action.”

The vision statement is effective as of 3 April 2012 and should be used as a guidepost by all BSEE and USCG staff to promote our collective goals for the benefit of the citizens of the United States.



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