



U.S. COAST GUARD HEARTLAND DISTRICT OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN MARINE CASUALTY REPORTING



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This Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) updates Marine Casualty Reporting guidance and procedures for OCS units (as defined in 33 CFR 140.10) that are operating within the Gulf of America (Mexico). Compliance with this MSIB will ensure timely initial notifications to the appropriate Coast Guard office. This MSIB supersedes MSIB 19-01 issued by this office.

The reporting of incidents is essential to ensure that offshore risks are managed in an efficient, appropriate, and timely manner. Per changes to OCS marine casualty reporting incorporated by [91 FR 39484](#) that became effective July 30, 2026, **fixed OCS facilities** must report death, injury of 5 or more persons in a single incident, damage affecting primary lifesaving/firefighting equipment, injury causing a person to be incapacitated for more than 72 hours, or damage exceeding \$75,000 that results from a vessel collision in accordance with (IAW) [33 CFR 146.30](#). Marine casualty reporting for **floating OCS facilities** and **mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs)** must follow the procedures listed in [46 CFR Part 4](#) for the types of casualties listed at [46 CFR 4.05-1](#) IAW regulatory changes implemented via 91 FR 39484. Non-reporting may result in punitive actions against operators and/or USCG licensed personnel.

OCS casualty reporting for the aforementioned OCS units does NOT include production and drilling systems or equipment that is regulated by the Marine Minerals Administration (MMA).

Historically, some industry incidents have been reported directly to a marine inspector, member of the OCS OCMI staff, or to the OCS Correspondence shared mailbox. This MSIB establishes **consolidated OCS casualty reporting through one of the two nearest Servicing USCG Sector's**. These consolidated reporting locations will ensure proper routing to the appropriate investigators for incidents affecting units engaged in an [OCS activity](#), as defined in 33 CFR 140.10. Reports can be made to the **Sector New Orleans Command Center via phone at (504) 365-2533**, and **Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center via phone at (281) 464-4855**.

OCS casualty reports and investigations will be divided between Sector New Orleans and Sector Houston Galveston by OCS Block Areas as follows:

Sector New Orleans

Apalachicola
Amery Terrace
De Soto Canyon
Destin Dome
Eugene Island & South Addition
Florida Middle Ground
Florida Plain
Grand Isle & South Addition
Green Canyon
Henderson

Howell hook
Keathly Canyon
Lloyd Ridge
Lund
Main Pass & East and South Additions
Mobile
Mississippi Canyon
Pensacola
Ship Shoal & South Addition
South Marsh Island & South Addition

South Pass & East & South Additions
South Pelto
South Timbalier & South Addition
The Elbow

Vernon Basin
Viosca Knoll
Walker Ridge
West Delta & South Addition

Sector Houston-Galveston

Alaminos Canyon
Brazos & South Addition
Corpus Christi
East Breaks
East Cameron & South Addition
Galveston & South Addition
High Island & East & South Additions

Matagorda Island
Mustang Island & East Addition
Port Isabel
South Padre Island & East Addition
Vermillion & South Addition

Note that the division of block areas for OCS casualty reporting shown above **does not** align with Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) responsibilities for Heartland District (CGD-H) Sector boundaries defined in 33 CFR 3.40.

In addition to the 46 CFR Part 4 reporting requirements for MODUs, MODU owner/operators are reminded that additional reporting must be made to the coastal State IAW 2009 MODU 1.6.6.3 or 1989 MODU 1.6.6.3. These reports beyond those required by 46 CFR Part 4 are not required to be reported per Part 4 but must be reported for inspections awareness to OCSCorrespondence@uscg.mil.

For questions or clarification on this MSIB, please contact Mr. Ryan Peryea, CGD-H Senior Investigating Officer, at (504) 464-4855. General inspection inquiries can be sent to OCSCorrespondence@uscg.mil. General Investigations inquiries can be sent to Ryan.J.Peryea2@uscg.mil. Subsequent Information will be sent as directed by the assigned Coast Guard investigator responding to the marine casualty.

Sincerely,

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