

Safe Gulf Implementation Date

Recently questions have come up regarding the SafeGulf Training and concerns about its implementation date. As a result, the full implementation date has been pushed back until May 1, 2006. The following documents should help clarify any internal questions that you might have.

Overview

BP, Chevron, Shell and ExxonMobil have been actively involved over the last several years in the development of consistent, minimum health, safety and the environment (HSE) training requirements for the contractor community. The team that the operators have been supporting is known as SafeGulf.

Under SafeGulf, all contractors must fulfill the SafeGulf minimum HSE training requirements prior to working on operator premises in the Gulf of Mexico. The key elements are:

- All contractors must provide minimum training/orientation as described under SafeGulf - additional specialized skills training may be necessary based on the services your company provides.
- All contractor personnel must be listed in the SafeGulf Database (administered by ISNetworld) and spot checks done starting January 1st. However, no one will be stopped from going offshore until 5/1/2006.

BP, Chevron, Shell and ExxonMobil consider the new requirements a step in the right direction to ensure a level playing field and a standard program for quality HSE training and knowledge retention of those contractor personnel that perform work on operator property. Information can be found on the SafeGulf website at www.safegulf.com.

Applicability - All contractors that travel offshore

Complete Implementation Date - May 1, 2006

Communication of the Requirement - Contractors were initially made aware by BP and other operators of the requirement in 2004 and the message has been communicated numerous times.