

From: BOEMRE Office of Public Affairs – Gulf
Date: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 10:11 AM
Subject: BOEMRE Approves #15

Good morning,

For those of you keeping track, today the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) approved a drilling permit for the **fifteenth deepwater well** to comply with rigorous new safety standards implemented in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and resulting oil spill. This includes satisfying the requirement to demonstrate the capacity to contain a subsea blowout.

The approved permit is for BHP Billiton Petroleum (GOM) Inc. to drill a new development well in Green Canyon Block 653 in 4,232 feet water depth, approximately 120 miles off the Louisiana shoreline, south of Houma. **Today's approval is for a new well** being drilled under a Development Operations Coordination Document that was approved on May 31, 2011, for which BOEMRE completed a site-specific Environmental Assessment.

As always, you can find permit data updated daily at:
http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/offshore/safety/well_permits.html.

Melissa Schwartz
Deputy Chief of Staff/Communications Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,
Regulation and Enforcement
202.208.3599 (direct)
703.342.6842 (cell)