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on the cover

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Rock Falls — Louisiana

Sicily Island Hills Wildlife Management Area is between Monroe and Shreveport, above Alexandria in Catahoula Parish. It is a unique area in Louisiana with "rugged" terrain. Elevations rise to 245 ft, these are the only hills west of the Mississippi River in Louisiana. The hills lie in the Ouachita River alluvial plain and are part of the Grand Gulf formation. The area is a series of chalk hills, which are an erosional remnant of the Catahoula sandstone. Hard sandstone forms the base of the formation and is resistant to erosion.

The area is known for steep hills, scenic views and waterfalls. The picture(s) are of the Rock Falls waterfall. Rock Falls is the tallest waterfall in the state of Louisiana, being 17 feet in height.



From the Editor

Last month's meeting was so amazing. When I first heard that the talk was about Mars, I was thinking the Mars Field in deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Well, it was the real thing - Mars the PLANET. Dr. Kirsten Siebach was a great presenter with lots of enthusiasm. I was more intrigued by the engineering of the landing of the Curiosity rover on Mars than the geology. During the descent a sky crane structure drops down and quickly fires its thrusters, carrying the rover toward the surface of Mars. It reminded me of the 1965 Japanese monster movie named "Gamera, the Giant Monster." Gamera was a flying turtle who could shoot fire from its arms and legs to propel and steer itself. If you weren't at the meeting you missed a good presentation, but you can still catch Gamera on DVD or somewhere.

If I made any technical mistakes on the technology of the rover descent, please forgive me. And if anyone has some pictures from the past it would be great to post them in the NOGS LOG. Send them to the nogseditor@gmail.com.





PRESIDENT

ALEX JANEVSKI

In a previous column I mentioned the significant headwinds that NOGS has faced as we struggled with a loss of advertising revenue, which has led us to close our physical office and to publish the NOGS LOG digitally. I believe these well-reasoned decisions were essential to deal with a short-term financial difficulty, but I also believe decisions like these may have bettered us for the future. Headwinds are not always bad.

When a plane takes off it requires lift, and that lift is created when wind moves over the wings. The plane's engine generates most of the thrust to enable a plane to take off, but taking off into the wind can also help generate lift as the headwinds blow past the wings. This allows a plane to climb into the air sooner and at a lower velocity, which allows for safer take-offs. Interestingly, landings are also safer with headwinds, as it allows the plane to come in at a slower ground speed (lift is also necessary for a smooth landing).

In the next few months you will see some changes to NOGS. On July 30th, Annette Hudson, our long-time office manager and a friend to many of us, retired. NOGS relied heavily on Annette's knowledge of how to run the society. The bylaws specify that the Executive Committee of NOGS may hire a paid assistant if "this is deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Society." I saw no way for NOGS to continue doing all that we do without a paid assistant. In order to hire someone, the NOGS Board underwent a search process that resulted in over 150 applications submitted for the position, many of which came with good experience, and many by personal recommendation.

The end result of the search was the hiring of Christy Himel as our new administrator. If you were at the August luncheon, you saw an incredibly interesting talk on the stratigraphy of Mars (yes, I said Mars). You may have also met Christy at the door in what was her first day on the job. Christy's willingness to jump in and help with the luncheon on her first day with NOGS tells you much of what you need to know about her. She comes to us with a wealth of experience in running

professional societies like ours, great skills that will help improve the functioning of our organization, and a passion to get it done. Expect to see some changes in the next few months, and bear with us, as we learn all that Christy has to offer us to be a more effective professional society, and we work to bring her up to speed on all that NOGS does.

Speaking of which, when this issue of the NOGS LOG goes to press many of us will have just attended the Deepwater Symposium, cosponsored by NOGS, and I hope you were able to attend the geoscience opening seminar. We need volunteers for Energy Day on September 22nd at the Louisiana Children's Museum, and September 29th at the Girl Scout's "Believe in Girls" event on the UNO Campus. Email Tom Bergeon (tom. bergeon@upstreamexp.com) if you are interested in helping out. For the latter event we particularly need women geoscientists to come out and show these young ladies that geoscience is for everyone. On September 30-October 2, the 68th Annual Convention of the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies and the Gulf Coast Section of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists will take place in Shreveport, sponsored by the Shreveport Geological Society.

It's important for NOGS members to come out for our annual kick-off party and membership drive, planned for Wednesday, September 19th, 5-7 at NOLA Brewery - and bring your friends. New NOGS members will get their food and drinks for free. I will not be able to attend this year as I will be on a field trip in Utah to learn about the structure and stratigraphy of salt plays, on which I get to take a chartered flight over the magnificent geology of southeastern Utah. I hope for headwinds.

Alex Janevski

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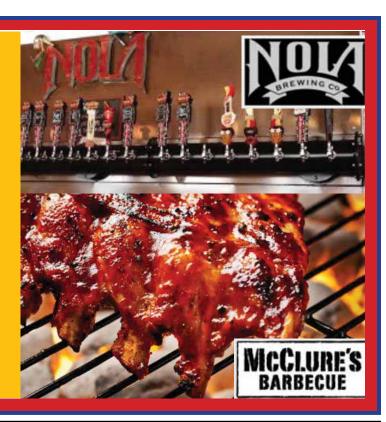
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Dr. Gregory Upton

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! September 29 Girl Scouts B.I.G. Event

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NOGS Luncheon Presentation

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September 10 NOGS Luncheon Presentation

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Gulf Coast Energy Outlook

Presented by

Dr. Gregory B. Upton

Center for Energy Studies • Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

ABSTRACT

Greg Upton is Assistant Professor at the Center for Energy Studies at Louisiana State University. The Center for Energy Studies conducts, encourages, and facilitates research and analysis to address energyrelated problems or issues affecting Louisiana's economy, environment, and citizenry. The Center's goal is to provide a balanced, objective, and timely treatment of issues with potentially important consequences for Louisiana. Dr. Upston will discuss how U.S. shale oil and gas is continuing to drive U.S. production records and the implications for Louisiana are significant. What will happen to conventional production? And how will the refining and chemical industry fare? Dr. Upton will discuss the ramifications of the energy transformation of the past decade and provide an outlook for coming vears. He will also discuss potential tax policy changes in Louisiana in coming years and how it might impact up-stream producers.

BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Gregory Upton is Assistant Professor at the Center for Energy Studies at Louisiana State University.

Dr. Upston's research interests are related to the analysis of economic, environmental and public policy issues in energy and regulated industries. During his

tenure at LSU, Dr. Upton has addressed a number of topical energy issues of significance to Louisiana, including the impact of the oil price collapse on Louisiana's budgetary challenges, solar tax credits and net metering policies, implications of the crude oil export ban's lifting on the Louisiana economy,

and the adequacy of the LOSCO oil spill fund, among others. He has presented research on these topics to more than 40 industry and academic groups over the past four years, has been cited more than three dozen times in local and national media including the Wall Street Journal. He has written guest columns about energy related issues affecting Louisiana appearing in the Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Acadiana Advocates, Baton Rouge Business Report, New Orleans' Times-Picayune, Lafayette's Daily Advertiser, Public Utilities Fortnightly Magazine, among others.

Dr. Upton holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Louisiana State University where he also received both an M.A. in economics and a B.S. in economics with a concentration in empirical analysis. He is a member of professional organizations such as the American Economic Association (AEA), International Association of Energy Economics (IAEE), Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE), and the Southern Economic Association (SEA). He has taught courses the Department of Environmental Sciences and Department of Economics at LSU and is a program faculty member at Michigan State University's Institute of Public Utilities, one of the country's premier education programs for public utility employees and regulators.

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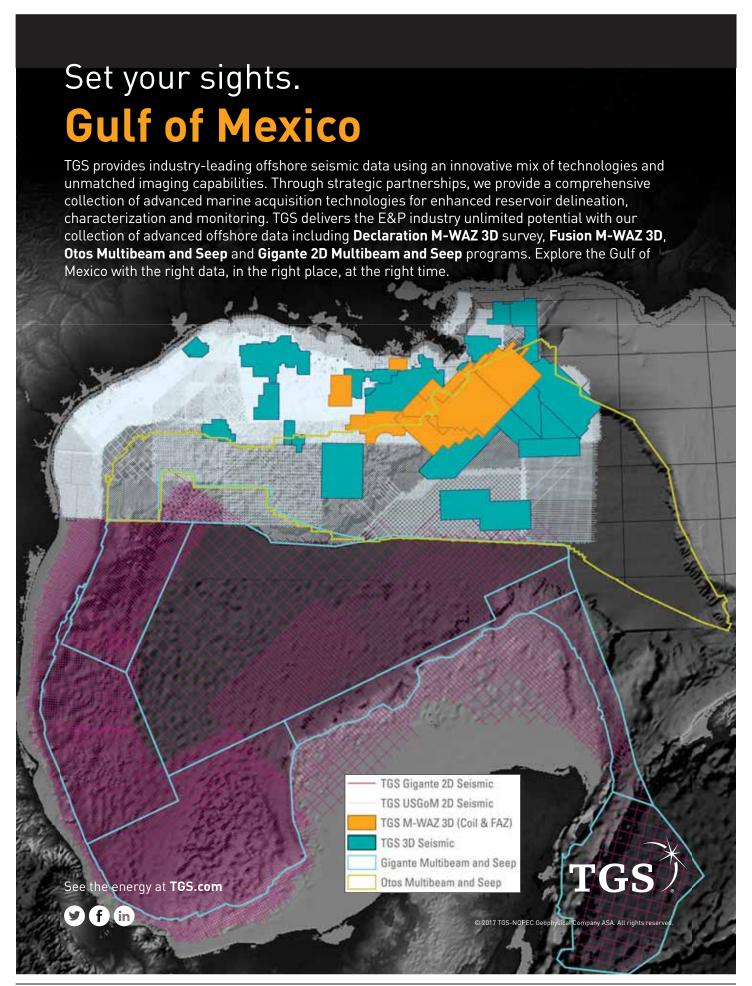
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2018	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO
3 Sep	Labor Day		
10 Sep	NOGS Luncheon Presentation "Gulf Coast Energy Outlook" Speaker: Gregory B. Upton LSU Center for Energy Studies	Holiday Inn Superdome	admin@nogs.org or 504-561-8980
17-21 Sep	Applied Stratigraphix "Halokinesis and Sequence Stratigraphy of Salt Plays"		info@stratigraphyhelp.com 720-434-3864
19 Sep	NOGS 2018 Fall Kick-Off Party & Membership Drive	5-7 pm NOLA Brewing Company 3001 Tchoupitoulas • N.O.	RSVP to admin@nogs.org See page 5 for more information.
22 Sep	Energy Day	11 am - 3 pm LA Children's Museum	Tom Bereon • 504-832-3772 tom.bergeon@upstreamexp.com
29 Sep	Girl Scouts B.I.G. Believe in GIRLS Event	9:30 am - 2 pm UNO • New Orleans, LA	Tom Bereon • 504-832-3772 tom.bergeon@upstreamexp.com
Sep 30 -Oct 2	68th Annual GCAGS-GSSEPM Convention	Shreveport Convention Center Shreveport, LA	www.gcags2018.org
1 Oct	NOGS Luncheon Presentation "Insights from Elevation Surveys of Faulted Bridge Structures in Lake Pontchartrain Suggest a New Methodology for Quantifying Subsidence in South Louisiana" Speaker: Michael Hopkins Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation	Holiday Inn Superdome	admin@nogs.org or 504-561-8980





Early Over-Water Drilling Near Shreveport, Louisiana

Jeff Spencer, GCAGS Historian

In 1984, a Louisiana historical marker was placed along the shore of Caddo Lake proclaiming, the world's first over water oil well was completed in Caddo Lake in 1911. The Ferry Lake No. 1 was erected by Gulf Refining Co. The well bottomed at 2,185 feet and produced 450 barrels per day (Figure 1). This claim has been repeated in many published articles, websites, and books (Marking and Snape, 2012, p. 63; Franks and Lambert, 1982, p.41; Collier, 2007, p.35).



Figure 1

Sneed (2005) initially presented material on oil well drilling in Caddo Lake and in Ohio's Grand Reservoir (Lake) at an oil history symposium in Shreveport, Louisiana on March 27, 2003. Over water drilling in Grand Reservoir occurred twenty years before the northwest Louisiana drilling and Sneed correctly pointed out that much of the Grand Reservoir oil history was documented only in local newspapers and historical society publications and that the drilling was by small, local operators (Spencer and Alig, 2017). It was also pointed out that Grand Reservoir is a man-made lake and that over-water drilling took place offshore California (Summerland) in 1898, a symposium attendee suggested that the Caddo Lake claim be revised to "first over-water oil completion in a natural lake!"

Gulf Refining Company obtained an 8000 acre lease in Caddo Lake from the local levee board



on November 1, 1910. Gulf laid out cypress wood platforms in a grid, one platform every 600 feet on 10-acre sites. The boilers and steam engines were placed on small platforms 100 feet from the derrick platforms. After a well completion, the boiler and steam engine were replaced by a 25 HP gasoline engine, set on a smaller platform, to pump the well. Figure 2 is a real photo postcard by noted oilfield photographer F.G. Allen showing drilling in Caddo Lake. Gulf serviced the wells with a fleet that included three tugboats, ten barges, floating pile-drivers, and over thirty small boats. The company superintendent of this operation was dubbed "Admiral" (Bagur, 2001, p. 695). Through 1954, Gulf drilled 416 wells in the lake and its tributaries (The Shreveport Times, October 10, 1955). In 1989, Chevron removed many of the old platform pilings (The Shreveport Times, October 2, 1989). The old lake well sites were described as "generally from 90 to about 110 pilings at each well site that supported steam boilers and well derricks. The pilings are cypress trees cut from along the shore line of Caddo Lake. Each is from 12 to 18 inches in diameter and about 20 feet long. The part of the tree imbedded in the mud is virtually unchanged and just like new when the tree was cut some 80 years ago. The part above the mud line either in the water or sticking up out of the water is badly weathered."

There is some evidence that over-water drilling operations, but perhaps not oil production, in the area began a few years earlier. This may have been in some of the many tributaries in the area, such as Jeems (James) Bayou. Sartor (2003) suggests that the first well was in 1910, possibly even 1908. Franks and Lambert (1982, p. 49) contains a photograph of over-water derricks in the lake with a 1907 caption. This author has a real photo postcard postmarked November 9, 1910 showing over-water drilling (Figure 3). The note on the reverse is from a Standard



Figure 2

Oil employee. Standard Oil had also entered the area in 1910 purchasing the J.C. Trees Oil Company which controlled over 100,000 acres. Additional over-water drilling north Louisiana photographs can be found in Collier (2007, p.35-39), Franks and Lambert (1982, p. 47-50), and Marking and Snape (2012, p. 52, 59, and 63). More research is needed!

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Figure 3

New Orleans Geological Auxiliary News

"The objective of the Auxiliary is to promote fellowship among the wives of the members of the New Orleans Geological Society and to render assistance to NOGS upon request."

NOGA Events for 2018-19

Vice President, Camille Yeldell, with the help of the NOGA Board has been working this summer to select the venues for our meetings during the 2018-2019 year. We will begin the year, as we did two years ago, on September 12 with a casual luncheon at the home of Camille and Jim. This will be chaired by Loretto Stephens and Mary Walther. It is always enjoyable to get together after the summer hiatus and learn about everyone's summer vacations. On November 7, the members will gather at II Tony's Restaurant on Pontchartrain Blvd. for lunch. Linda Peirce and Pat Williamson will be making plans for the day.

We will begin next year on Thursday, February 7, at the New Orleans Fairgrounds for lunch and a day at the races, chaired by Susie Baker. Who will be the

lucky ones? Trudy Corona and Alma Dunlap will be making plans for our installation luncheon on May 8 at Metairie Country Club. Invitations will be mailed to each of these events.

Guests are welcome and encouraged to join us at our events this year. If you have any questions, please contact President, Margie Conatser at 504-469-2496.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of two of our former members, Gerry Waguespack and Bettye Wiggins. Both ladies had been very active members of the Auxiliary. Gerry received the Outstanding Service Award in 2002 and Bettye served as president in 1984-1985.

Mary Walther



Members of the 2018-19 NOGA Board



Alma Dunlap, Trudy Corona and Camille Yeldell as Trudy was presented with the Loyalty Award at the May luncheon.

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South Louisiana and Offshore Gulf of Mexico Exploration and Production Activities

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT, ONSHORE AREA By Carlo C. Christina and Kevin J. Trosclair

During the month of July, the Office of Conservation, Lafayette District issued only 9 permits to drill for oil and gas in the Lafayette District. Following are the most interesting and significant locations:

NEW LOCATIONS

In Jefferson Davis Parish, Premier Energy will drill 2 wells in **West Tepetate Field**, (A). The #1 Leblanc, SN 251171, will be drilled in Sec. 38, 7S-3W to test the Cockfield sands at a total depth of 12,439 feet, a significantly deep test in this field. The field was discovered in 1944 with more than 120 wells drilled to date. Very few wells have been drilled deeper than 9900 feet.

Premier Energy will also drill the #1 Miller in **West Tepetate Field**, **(B)**, SN 251179, in Sec. 38, 7S-3W, to a total depth of 9850 feet to test the Miller sand.

In Lafourche Parish, **Southwest Lake Boeuf Field**, **(C)**, Marquis Resources will drill the #2 Grand Coteau, SN 251129, with a bottom hole located in Sec. 72, 16S-17E. It will be drilled to a total depth of 16,470 feet to test the Robulus sands which have produced in the area.

In Terrebonne Parish, Castex Energy will drill the #1 SL 21612, SN 250180, in **Four League Bay Field, (D)**, in Sec. 19, 20S, 13E. It will be drilled to a proposed total depth of 22,065 feet to test the Tex W sands. The well is located on the south flank of the field, within a voluntary unit of 530 acres, containing portions of State Lease 21611 and State Lease 211613.

COMPLETIONS

Fontainebleau Operating has completed its #1 Mineral Res, SN 250654, in West Cowpen Creek Field, (E), Beauregard Parish, as an oil well flowing 86 BOPD and 103 MCFD in an Upper Wilcox sand through perforations 11,262 to 11,296. It was drilled to a total depth of 11,600 feet in Sec. 21, 6S-10W.

In Pointe Coupee Parish, **Fordoche Field**, **(F)**, Cypress Operating has completed the

#1 Cynthia Beauvais, SN 250647, as an oil well in a Cockfield sand. It was completed flowing 35 BOPD through perforations 9817 to 9834. It is located in Sec. 119, 6S-9E, and as previously reported, it is located approximately 1 mile east of a well which has produced for more than 26 years from a Cockfield sand.

Will-Drill Production has completed another oil well in **Skinner Lakes Field**, (**G**), Beauregard Parish, in an Upper Wilcox sand, flowing 180 BOPD through perforations 9951 to 10,185. The #1 Columbia Land, SN 250490, was drilled to a total depth of 10,350 feet, located in Sec. 4, 6S-13W.

In Iberville Parish, **Laurel Ridge Field**, **(H)**, Ponderosa Oil & Gas has completed the #1 Texas Plantation, SN 250685, as a gas well in a Camerina sand, flowing 2700 MCFD and 50 BCPD. It was drilled to a total depth of 11,050 feet in Sec.16, 10S-13E.

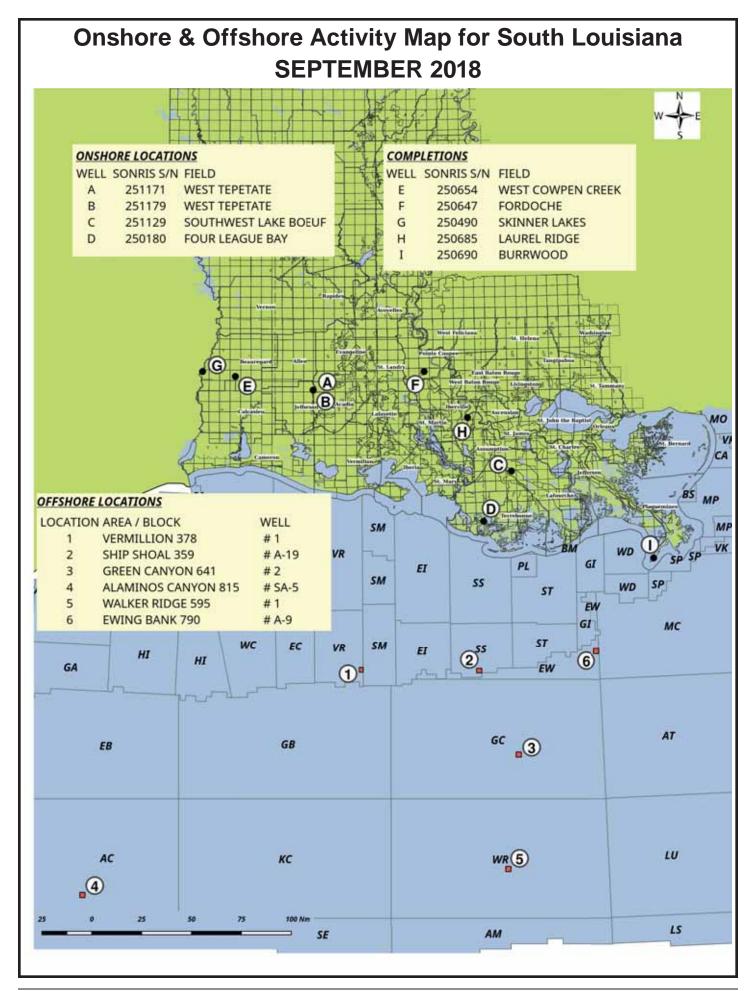
Hilcorp Energy has completed an excellent oil well in **Burrwood Field**, (**I**), Plaquemines Parish flowing 1185 BOPD and 679 MCFD through perforations 13,056 to 13,134. The #11 SL 2565, SN 250690, was drilled to a total depth of 13,278 in Sec. 2, 25S-30E.

OFFSHORE GULF OF MEXICO SHELF AND DEEPWATER ACTIVITIES

by Al Baker

During July 2018, the BOEM approved 66 Gulf of Mexico drilling permits. Twenty-four of these were for shelf wells, and 42 were for deepwater wells. Of the total number of permits, there were 6 new well permits; 2 were issued on the shelf and 4 in deepwater.





The 2 shelf new well permits were for 1 exploration and 1 development well. Gulfslope Energy was granted a permit for their **Vermilion 378 #1** exploration well, and W&T Offshore received a permit for their Ship Shoal 359 #A-19 development well.

The 4 deepwater new well permits included 3 exploration wells and 1 development well. The three exploration new well permits were given to Chevron U.S.A. for their Green Canyon 641 #2 well and to Shell Offshore for their Alaminos Canyon 815 #SA-5 and Walker Ridge 595 #1 wells. The development new well permit was awarded to Walter Oil & Gas for their Ewing Bank 790 #A-9 well.

On July 27th, **IHS-Petrodata** reported that the Gulf of Mexico mobile offshore rig supply stood at 78, which is the same as last month. The marketed rig supply consisted of 45 rigs, of which 36 were under contract. The marketed rig supply number was the same as reported last month, and the contracted rig supply was 2 more than the previous month. The marketed contracted versus total rig supply utilization rate remains at 57.7%, and the marketed contracted versus marketed supply utilization rate stands at 80%. By comparison, the July

2017 total fleet utilization rate stood at 34.7% (versus **46.2% today**) with 33 out of the 95 rigs under contract.

As of July 27th, **BakerHughes** indicated that there were 15 active mobile offshore rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, which is 41.7% of the rigs under contract mentioned above. This active rigs number is 3 less than as reported last month. Of the 15 rigs, 2 are located on the **shelf**, and **13** are situated in **deepwater**. At the same time last year, there were 23 mobile offshore rigs operating in the Gulf of Mexico suggesting that there has been a 34.8% decline in mobile offshore rig activity year over year.

As of July 27th, the BakerHughes total U.S. rig count stood at 1048 rigs, which is 1 more rig than at the end of June 2018. Of the 1048 rigs, **861** (**82.2%**) are oil rigs and 186 (17.7%) are gas rigs. A year ago, there were 958 rigs working in the U.S. Thus, the current rig figure represents a 9.4% increase in rigs year over year. Texas still has the largest number of rigs with 524, which is exactly half of the total number of rigs in the U.S. Louisiana has a total of 52 rigs.

There was no recent drilling news of significance to report during the month of July.

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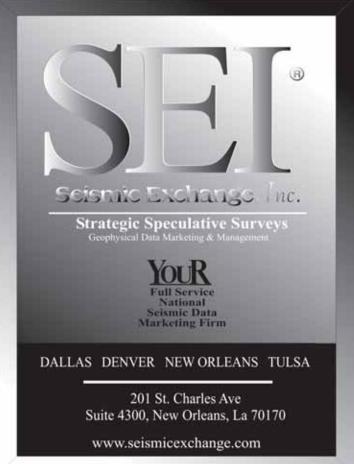
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