

SafeOCS

Information Page



Background:

- BSEE is improving safety on the OCS by deploying a combination of regulatory and non-regulatory safety initiatives;
- The overall intent of the SafeOCS initiative is to provide a secure, non-punitive forum to the OCS community, which includes companies as well as workers, to share and expand the knowledge base about near-miss incidents on the OCS at the industry-wide level;
- SafeOCS:
 - is a non-regulatory initiative that promotes safety improvements through knowledge gained by analyzing information on near-miss events,
 - is the result of a partnership between BSEE and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) to develop a confidential voluntary near-miss reporting system that will produce industry-wide statistics,
 - provides a forum for OCS workers and companies to provide information on near-miss events in a Secure, Confidential and Non-Punitive way;
- A robust SafeOCS program will help prevent major incidents, loss of life, injury and negative impacts on the environment; **and help achieve the goal of every offshore worker arriving home safely.**

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Reporting Process:

- SafeOCS provides companies, as well as offshore workers the ability to report information about near-miss events at the program's website: near-miss.bts.gov;
- It is a voluntary reporting system, developed by BTS, subject to the protections of the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA);
- Under CIPSEA:
 - Only BTS will have access to the raw data submitted to SafeOCS in near-miss incident reports,
 - Voluntarily submitted near-miss incident reports **are exempt** from FOIA and Subpoena,
 - Voluntarily submitted reports CANNOT be used for any enforcement actions,
 - Only BTS, as the data collector of near-miss incident data, will have access to the individual reports;
- BTS will collect, own and protect the submitted confidential near-miss reports;
- BTS, with its authorized subject matter experts, will analyze near-miss reports to provide information, in an aggregated form, to all OCS stakeholders, including BSEE, through public reports published on the BTS website;
- BSEE will not receive advance copies of any BTS reports related to the SafeOCS program;
- The public reports will allow all parties to work together to identify and reduce potential hazards that present significant risks and to promote a culture of continuous improvement;
- SafeOCS will become a resource to the offshore oil and gas industry, including workers, and BSEE by providing industry-wide trends on potential safety issues and system failures.

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