



International Regulators' Forum
GLOBAL OFFSHORE SAFETY

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Dear Conference Participants,

On behalf of the International Regulators' Forum (IRF) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), I would like to personally welcome you to Washington D.C. for the 2015 IRF Offshore Safety Conference. The IRF exists to drive forward improvements in health, safety and environmental protection in the offshore upstream oil and gas sector through collaboration on joint programs and information sharing.

It is in this spirit of collaboration that we have worked to create a conference agenda that features an exciting and varied group of speakers, all of whom offer a unique perspective on practical approaches to mitigate risk. While we all stand to learn from those on stage, the success of this conference depends on your active participation. By establishing a respectful, thoughtful, and collective dialogue, we can return home with new insight and additional ideas for how to translate worker safety and environmental protection from concept to effective implementation – from desktop to deck plate.

We hope all of the conference participants, especially our international guests, enjoy your stay in our Nation's capital. Thank you for being here and for contributing to the conversation over the next few days.

Sincerely,

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