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Recipient of the MMS 2005 & 2006  
 National Offshore Safety Award for Excellence

## Baker Safety Observation Program (BSOP)

1st Place – Submitted Best BSOP Card		
Month	Observer	Platform
January	Sean Clark	SS-219A
February	Duncan Myers	EI-129CF
March	Casey Foreman	WD-89
2nd Place – BSOP Card Drawn from 5 Best Submitted		
Month	Observer	Platform
January	Jackie Colston	Horn Mountain
February	Jarred Fonseca	Horn Mountain
March	James Thibodaux, JR	EI-129CF-LQ
3rd Place – BSOP Card Drawn from All Cards Submitted		
Month	Observer	Platform
January	Sean Clark	SS-219A
February	Michael Soileau	SS-219A
March	Shedrick Guy	S. Timbalier Bay

## WOW! Awards

Congratulations to this quarter's WOW! Award recipients, Trent Stevens and Alain Welter. They have been observed by their Project Manager or an HSE&C representative, performing a safe and/or compliant act worthy of special recognition. On behalf of everyone at Baker, thank you for making safety and compliance important parts of your work ethic.

Stevens went above and beyond the call of duty when a Lead Operator was out and a Temporary Operator went to the platform to fill in. When production issues occurred, Stevens stepped up and assisted the Temporary Operator to correct the production issues while maintaining safety and compliance.

The HSE&C Department presented a WOW! Award to Welter as a token of appreciation for his continued support of HSE&C initiatives and efforts to promote safety throughout the Houston office.

Congrats to Stevens and Welter!

# Baker Receives Second Consecutive MMS National Offshore SAFE Award

More than 20 Baker employees attended the U.S. Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) Awards Luncheon in Houston, Texas on April 17, 2007, where Baker again was honored with its second National Offshore Safety Award for Excellence. The award recognizes outstanding safety and pollution prevention achievement by Offshore oil and gas operators and contractors.



John Hickman, senior vice president, Operations, accepts the 2006 National Offshore Safety Award for Excellence for Production Contractor from MMS Deputy Director Walter Cruickshank.

"This second consecutive MMS National SAFE Award represents an incredible effort by everyone at Baker Energy, especially the employees working on Offshore platforms," said Tad LeBlanc, vice president, HSE&C.

The SAFE program is designed to recognize and commend operating companies and contractors that expend extra effort and conduct their operations in a safe manner, adhering to all regulatory requirements, employing trained and motivated personnel and taking extra steps to enhance the safety of operations.

"Baker has truly built a stellar safety reputation within the oil and gas industry and is recognized as a company that puts safety and compliance at the forefront of our business practices and our culture," said LeBlanc.

Baker has received numerous District SAFE Awards in the recent past, including the Houma, Lake Charles and New Orleans Districts for 2006, and Houma, Lafayette and New Orleans for 2005. In both 2004 and 1999, the New Orleans District recognized Baker with a Production Contractor SAFE Award. In 2003, Baker received the Houma District Production Contractor SAFE Award. In addition, Baker has served as operator on three Deepwater facilities that have been awarded an MMS District SAFE Award in the past five years.

"We are extremely proud of our safety performance record in the Gulf Region, and the recognition from MMS for our efforts to promote a safe environment must go to our dedicated employees and our clients who have embraced safety as a core value and as an avenue to improve productivity," said John Whiteford, executive vice president of Baker Energy.

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## Baker Sponsors 2007 Deepwater Operations Forum in Galveston, Texas

In January, Baker was once again a major sponsor of the Deepwater Operations Forum in Galveston, Texas. Baker's reputation for being the premier Deepwater contractor in the Gulf of Mexico (GoM) was noticeable with a number of Baker employees attending the event. New relationships blossomed and existing ones were renewed at the 2007 Deepwater Operations Forum.

This year, Baker showcased its web-based platform tracking and mapping application, which was developed by Eliana Herbig and Lee Graham, of Baker Engineering. The program contains a basemap of MMS Offshore datasets, such as platforms, pipelines and lease blocks, and allows for the output of reports on the locations of Baker-managed platforms. The intention of this effort is to give Offshore Baker personnel a place from which to print GoM overview maps and produce reports of the platforms and surrounding facilities they operate from any Web browser. The program is multi-functional because it could be expanded to include the tracking of equipment and personnel.

Baker teamed up once again with Nalco, a provider of integrated water treatment and process improvement services, to entertain clients with a dinner party at the Aquarium Pyramid at Moody Gardens. The turnout was overwhelming with more than 200 attendees. According to Chuck Roan, business development account manager, everyone seemed to be impressed with the beauty of the aquatic life, the amazing food and delightful music.

"I would like to thank Bert Carlos, who took the reins and made the dinner event a success as well as all the other individuals who helped make this an exceptional occasion," Roan said.

## "Stop Work Authority" Puts Safety First

We all have a very important responsibility and that is to stop our own work or the work of others if, at anytime, there is a danger to ourselves, our fellow coworkers or the environment.

Employees used their "Stop Work Authority" in the following cases:

- An employee observed a deckhand on board a work vessel not wearing a hard hat during backloading operations with the crane. The employee stopped the work and communicated to the deckhand about putting on a hard hat during backload operations. The individual quickly responded and work was resumed without any incidents.
- An employee observed a subcontractor not wearing the proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) nor using handrails while carrying tools down the stairs. The employee stopped the individual and instructed him to get his proper PPE. The subcontractor did so, and the employee helped the subcontractor carry some of his tools so that he had one hand free in order to hold onto the handrail.
- During a routine helicopter passenger loading, an employee observed a problem with the baggage exceeding the space limits of the aircraft. Because the employees were unable to properly load the cargo area and it was taking longer than usual, the pilot shut down the helicopter in order to assist the passengers and increase safety. The baggage compartment was organized, and the flight was successful.
- During a platform visit, an employee noticed a barricade was missing at the end of a catwalk that was left open ended after a recent well plug and abandonment. The employee chained off the open end of the catwalk to eliminate a possible fall.



From left to right, Jim R. Johnson, senior vice president, Business Development; Tim Biernacki, operations manager; Larry Graffeo, project manager, Eliana Herbig, GIS specialist; Scott Smith, project manager; Andre Jackson, business management; Bert Carlos, sales representative; Chuck Roan, account manager; and Shawn Lurry, operations manager.

## "From the Field"

*By John Davies, maintenance superintendent*

If you have never been to Thailand, you are missing one of the treasures of the far East. We, here at BES Resources (BES), are fortunate enough to have experienced life in the "Land of Smiles" firsthand. Since 1998, BES has been working in the B8/32 field for our client, Chevron. Our purpose here is twofold: we operate and maintain the facilities, and also mentor Thai employees. We are fortunate enough to have Thai employees that are some of the best in the industry. Many are degreed individuals and have a wide spectrum of experience. This makes for a diverse workforce that shares the same goals in our work environment.

We bring our knowledge of the oil and gas industry and work side by side on many different projects from conception to start up. As you can imagine, there are many differences between Western and Eastern cultures, and we are fortunate to have a team that is more than happy and willing to share with us in understanding the Thai culture, which is rich in its origins and history.

There have been many enjoyable cultural events that we have participated in together, and we as Expats have come to enjoy them almost as much as our Thai counterparts. There is the celebration of Songkran, which is a water celebration. Wherever you go Onshore, the people celebrate by ensuring that everyone gets totally soaking wet whether you want to be or not.

Offshore, we celebrate at the end of one selected workday with everyone posing for a photo each year, and then move to the galley where a small religious ceremony takes place, which is followed by a wonderful meal, mostly consisting of authentic Thai food.

There are also events honoring the Royal Family and a beloved King that has reigned for more than 60 years. Many religious celebrations show westerners a side of Thailand that many may never experience.

As BES employees working far from our native homes, Thailand has become our "second home" and the kindness shown by its people and our local BES employees make working here an experience that none of us will ever soon forget.

## BES Resources (BES) and Chevron Work Together to Fund New Building for RVSD

Chevron Offshore Thailand is engaged in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas. BES provides operations and maintenance and workforce nationalization services on Chevron's facilities in Block B 8/32 Offshore at Benchamas and Tantawan fields. In their spare time, BES and Chevron worked together to raise funds for a multi-purpose building at the Redemptorist Vocational School for the Disabled (RVSD).

The new building replaces an earlier two-story timber structure that served as a female dormitory. The building was deteriorating and no longer was able to effectively serve a purpose for the school. Through a Christmas raffle and donations from other companies, BES and Chevron collected about 410,000 baht or more than \$11,000.

According to Bruce Chambers, international operations manager, BES and Chevron organize a special project each year to find ways to sponsor and improve RVSD. BES and Chevron presented their donation on Jan. 26, 2007.

"BES and Chevron started this project in October 2006," Chambers said. "This is the largest donation made by BES and Chevron to date."

The new multi-purpose building officially opened on Feb. 15, 2007, where a special ceremony was held. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of the Thai Royal Family laid the foundation stone for the new buildings at the RVSD, which is under the patronage of the Princess. The new building now includes computer workrooms, language rooms and a study room, as well as an elevator and wheelchair ramps.

The RVSD opened in 1984 with just four students. Today, there are more than 200 young Thai adults with disabilities learning a trade that will allow them to become independent members of society. Students are not asked to pay for anything. Education, accommodation, food, medical assistance, all activities and much more, are all free to all students, which is made possible through donations and special funding.



From to left to right, Bob Zitsch, maintenance superintendent, and Bruce Chambers, international operations manager, present a special donation to administrator and director of the RVSD.



Since 1984, the RVSD has been helping young Thai adults with disabilities. Pictured is the RVSD Main Administrative Building in Pattaya, Thailand.

## Helis A-64 and TMR North Turtle Bayou Facilities Win Zero-Zero-Zero Award

Congratulations to Baker personnel working the Helis A-64 facility and TMR North Turtle Bayou facilities for winning the first quarter Zero-Zero-Zero Award. Drawn out of a pool of 19 platforms that exhibited perfection in safety and compliance, both locations will receive \$500 in gift certificates to be distributed equally.

The Zero-Zero-Zero Award program recognizes employees for their performance related to "0" Recordable Incidents, "0" Incidents of Non-compliance Inspections and "0" Environmental Spills. Facilities that achieve the Zero-Zero-Zero Award status are major contributors to Baker's U.S. Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) District and National Safe Awards, said Tery Trahan, HSE&C training manager.

"From an HSE&C perspective, winning the National Safety Award for Excellence once again is like winning back-to-back Super Bowls," said Trahan. "So, I would like to say thanks to all facilities that obtain the Zero-Zero-Zero status for their part in getting us to the top of the mountain once again."

On behalf of everyone at Baker Energy, thank you for making Safety, Compliance and the Environment important parts of your work ethic.

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## LeBlanc Honored with 2006 MMS Corporate Leadership Award

Tad LeBlanc, vice president, HSE&C, is one of just 22 individuals within the oil and gas industry to receive a 2006 Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA) from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS). This award is presented annually to individuals who perform an act or service that enhances MMS's mission objectives. Tad was chosen for his proactive leadership in maintaining personnel safety and promoting regulatory compliance on production facilities in the Gulf of Mexico.

"As the agency responsible for regulating oil and gas production on the Outer Continental Shelf and collecting all federal and Indian minerals revenue, it is imperative that we continually strive to improve our methods and enhance our knowledge base," said Johnnie Burton, MMS director. "Today's award winners have helped MMS, certainly, but their suggestions will also benefit the American public."

"I am pleased to be honored with this prestigious award," LeBlanc said.

A 25-year veteran in oilfield-related services, his experiences range from technical specialist to senior management positions within Baker. Under LeBlanc's leadership, Baker Energy has been recognized by the MMS with several District Safety Awards, and received the 2005 and 2006 National Safety Award for Excellence.

The CORLA award is one of four honors presented annually as part of the MMS Industry Awards Program, which recognizes outstanding achievement by Offshore energy producers and contractors in the areas of safety, pollution prevention, conservation and revenue management. CORLA award candidates are identified through nominations made by MMS Offshore or Minerals Revenue Management offices or employees. The nominations are then sent to the CORLA award selection committee for final selection.