

nuclear energy industry toward continuous improvement. One of these initiatives was to work with the nuclear industry and public to develop a formal policy on the NRC's expectations for a strong and effective safety culture.

The BSEE has reviewed the NRC's safety culture policy and believes it provides a strong foundation for a similar approach for oil and gas operations on the OCS, with the ultimate goal of facilitating the continued development of a robust safety culture for all persons working on the OCS.

## II. Statement of Policy

It is BSEE's policy that a strong safety culture is an essential element for individuals, both internal to the BSEE and external, performing or overseeing regulated activities. As such, BSEE will include appropriate means to monitor safety culture in its oversight programs and internal management processes. The BSEE defines safety culture as the core values and behaviors resulting from a collective commitment by leaders and individuals to emphasize safety over competing goals to ensure protection of people and the environment. Further, it is important for all lessees, the owners or holders of operating rights, designated operators or agents of the lessee(s), pipeline right-of-way holders, State lessees granted a right-of-use and easement, and contractors to foster in personnel an appreciation for the importance of safety, emphasizing the need for its integration and balance with competing performance objectives to achieve optimal protection without compromising production goals.

Individuals and organizations performing regulated activities bear the primary responsibility for safety.

Experience has shown that certain personal and organizational characteristics are present in a positive safety culture. A characteristic, in this case, is a pattern of thinking, feeling, and behaving that emphasizes safety, particularly in goal conflict situations (e.g., production, schedule, and the cost of the effort versus safety).

The following are characteristics of a robust safety culture:

(1) **Leadership Safety Values and Actions**—Leaders demonstrate a commitment to safety in their decisions and behaviors;

(2) **Problem Identification and Resolution**—Issues potentially impacting safety are promptly identified, fully evaluated, and promptly addressed and corrected commensurate with their significance;

(3) **Personal Accountability**—All individuals take personal responsibility for safety;

(4) **Work Processes**—The process of planning and controlling work activities is implemented so that safety is maintained;

(5) **Continuous Learning**—Opportunities to learn about ways to ensure safety are sought out and implemented;

(6) **Environment for Raising Concerns**—A safety conscious work environment is maintained where personnel feel free to raise safety concerns without fear of retaliation, intimidation, harassment, or discrimination;

(7) **Effective Safety Communication**—Communications maintain a focus on safety;

(8) **Respectful Work Environment**—Trust and respect permeate the organization; and

(9) **Inquiring Attitude**—Individuals avoid complacency and continuously consider and review existing conditions and activities in order to identify discrepancies that might result in error or inappropriate action.

There may be traits not included in this Draft Safety Culture Policy Statement that are also important in a positive safety culture. It should be noted that these traits were not developed to be used for inspection purposes.

## III. Questions for Which BSEE Is Seeking Input

The previous discussion addressed BSEE's approach to safety culture policy going forward and we would like your input. We will consider any comments that you feel would be beneficial to this policy. We welcome your input, your experiences, and your knowledge. The BSEE welcomes any comments on all content in this notice, but we specifically welcome your input on the following items.

(1) The draft Safety Culture Policy Statement provides a description of attributes that are important to safety culture, (i.e., safety culture characteristics). What characteristics relevant to a particular type of OCS activity do not appear to be addressed in this notice?

(2) What safety culture characteristics, described in the draft Safety Culture Policy Statement, do not contribute to safety culture on the OCS and, therefore, should not be included?

(3) The draft Safety Culture Policy Statement defines safety culture as: "The core values and behaviors resulting from a collective commitment by leaders and individuals to emphasize

safety over competing goals to ensure protection of people and the environment." Please comment on any parts of this definition that need further clarification to be useful for operations on the OCS.

(4) The draft policy statement states, "[I]t is important for all lessees, the owners or holders of operating rights, designated operators or agents of the lessee(s), pipeline right-of-way holders, State lessees granted a right-of-use and easement, and contractors to foster in personnel an appreciation for the importance of safety, emphasizing the need for its integration and balance with competing performance objectives to achieve optimal protection without compromising production goals." Given the diversity among OCS activities regulated by BSEE, please comment on the need to provide further clarification on this statement.

(5) How well does the draft Safety Culture Policy Statement enhance organization's understanding of BSEE's expectations that they maintain a safety culture?

(6) In addition to issuing a Safety Culture Policy Statement, what might BSEE consider doing, or doing differently, to increase OCS attention to safety culture?

(7) How can BSEE better involve stakeholders to address safety culture?

To ensure efficient consideration of your comments, please identify the specific question numbers with your comments when applicable.

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**James A. Watson,**

*Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

### Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee (OESC); Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** OESC will meet at the Department of the Interior's South Interior Building in Washington, DC.

**DATES:** Wednesday, January 9, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 10, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** South Interior Building Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph R. Levine at the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4187. He can be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1033 or by electronic mail at [joseph.levine@bsee.gov](mailto:joseph.levine@bsee.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OESC consists of representatives from industry, Federal Government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the academic community. It provides policy advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of BSEE on matters relating to ocean energy safety, including, but not limited to drilling and workplace safety, well intervention and containment, and oil spill response.

The agenda for Wednesday, January 9, 2013, will address the OESC Subcommittees' activities to date on oil spill prevention, spill containment, spill response and safety management systems, the arctic and proposed ocean energy safety institute.

The agenda for Thursday, January 10, 2013, will address interim recommendations presented to the OESC from its' six subcommittees for consideration and action, including lessons learned and next steps forward.

The meeting is open to the public. Approximately 100 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the activities of OESC and related topics on a first-come-first-served basis during the time allotted for public comment and may submit written comments to the OESC during the meeting or by email to the Committee at [OESC@bsee.gov](mailto:OESC@bsee.gov).

Minutes of the Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee meeting will be available for public inspection on the Committee's Web site at: <http://www.bsee.gov/About-BSEE/Public-Engagement/OESC/Index.aspx>.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular No. A-63, Revised.

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**James A. Watson,**

*Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Councils, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada will hold a joint meeting of its three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC, the Northeastern Great Basin RAC, and the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting is open to the public and a public comment period will be available.

**DATES AND TIMES:** The three RACs will meet on Thursday, January 31, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, February 1, 2013, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A public comment period will be held in the morning on Friday, February 1. The specific time for public comment will be included in the agenda, which will be available two weeks prior to the meetings at [www.blm.gov/nv](http://www.blm.gov/nv).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Rose, telephone: (775) 861-6480, email: [crose@blm.gov](mailto:crose@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The three 15-member Nevada RACs advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM Nevada State Director, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. The meeting will be held at John Ascuaga's Nugget, 1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, Nevada. Agenda topics include a presentation and discussion of accomplishments during 2012; closeout reports of the three RACs; the year ahead for the BLM in Nevada; breakout meetings of the three RACs; discussion of subgroups; and scheduling meetings of the individual RACs for the upcoming year.

The public may provide written comments to the three RAC groups or to an individual RAC. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations may contact Chris Rose at the phone number or email address above.

**Erica Haspiel-Szlosek,**

*Chief, Office of Communications.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be January 9-10, 2013. The January 9 meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 5:30 p.m. The January 10 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period beginning at 10 a.m. and will adjourn at 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be in the Lewistown Field Office Conference Room at 920 NE Main, Lewistown, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary L. "Stan" Benes, Central Montana District Manager, Lewistown Field Office, 920 NE Main, Lewistown, MT 59457, (406) 538-1900, [gbenes@blm.gov](mailto:gbenes@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-677-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land