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Offshore Safety

Ongoing EU action and proposal for a Roundtable



EU-OPEC Energy Dialogue
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EU action following Gulf of Mexico Oil spill

- 90% of EEA oil production comes from off-shore operations, most new discoveries in deep off-shore
- Commission Communication of October 2010
 - » Importance of state-of-the-art, precaution, emergency preparedness
 - » New partnerships for offshore safety outside EU
- Next step – policy initiative for 2011
 - » Legislative and non-legislative measures
 - » Impact assessment near completion
 - » Public consultation carried out March - May

EU offshore safety measures 2011

- Upcoming package of legislative/non-legislative elements:
 - » Promotion of best practices: industry, regulators
 - » Responsible authorization of offshore activities
 - » Strict and clear liability regimes in all EU waters
 - » Transparency and public oversight
 - » Effective emergency mechanisms
 - » International engagement
 - Adjacent regions: Mediterranean, Baltic, Black
 - Global action with international partners: OPEC, US, G20, Norway

Proposed Roundtable on offshore safety

- Part of the EU-OPEC Energy Dialogue
- Late 2011/Early 2012 in Brussels
- Participants targeted:
 - » Member countries' national regulators
 - » Academia, research institutes, industry experts
- Issues for cooperation to be covered:
 - » Definition and global dissemination of BAT/best practice
 - » International actions to promote global safety standards
 - » Regional cooperation of regulatory and supervisory authorities
 - » Strengthening emergency preparedness



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