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The Gulf Permit Index: A Report on New Well Permit Issuance and Plan Approvals

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Permits

In April 2014, 3 deep-water permits were issued, a decrease of 3 permits (50%) from the 1-year historical average*, and a decrease of 4 permits (57%) from the 3-year historical average**. In May 2014, 8 deep-water permits were issued, an increase of 2 permits (33%) from the 1-year historical average*, and an increase of 1 permit (14%) from the 3-year historical average**. In June 2014, 3 deep-water permits were issued, a decrease of 3 permits (50%) from the 1-year historical average*, and a decrease of 4 permits (57%) from the 3-year historical average**.

Deep Water - Approved New Permits

In April 2014, 6 shallow-water permits were issued, a decrease of 1 permit (14%) from the 1-year historical average*, and a decrease of 9 permits (60%) from the 3-year historical average**. In May 2014, 4 shallow-water permits were issued, a decrease of 3 permits (43%) from the 1-year historical average*, and a decrease of 11 permits (73%) from the 3-year historical average**. In June 2014, 8 shallow-water permits were issued, an increase of 1 permit (14%) from the 1-year historical average*, and a decrease of 7 permits (47%) from the 3-year historical average**.

Shallow Water - Approved New Permits

* Denotes the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill ** Denotes the monthly average observed in the three years prior to the oil spill

Data sourced from Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and Bureau of Energy Management (BOEM), and IHS Drilling Data.
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Plans

In April 2014, the average approval time for a plan was 98 days, representing an increase of 61% from the historical average of 61 days. In May 2014, the average approval time for a plan was 95 days, representing an increase of 56% from the historical average of 61 days. In June 2014, the average approval time for a plan was 96 days, representing an increase of 57% from the historical average of 61 days.

![Average Approval Time Graph]

Gap = 35 days

5-Year Prior to Oil Spill
Historical Avg. = 61