The GPI+

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

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**GPI+ through September 30, 2014**

In July 2014, 12 deep-water permits were issued, an increase of 6 permits (100%) from the 1-year historical average*, and an increase 5 permits (71%) from the 3-year historical average**. In August 2014, 4 deep-water permits were issued, a decrease of 2 permits (33%) from the 1-year historical average*, and a decrease of 3 permits (43%) from the 3-year historical average**. In September 2014, 4 deep-water permits were issued, a decrease of 2 permits (33%) from the 1-year historical average*, and a decrease of 3 permits (43%) from the 3-year historical average**.

![](Deep Water - Approved New Permits.png)

In July 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 August 2014, 5 shallow-water permits were issued, a decrease of 2 permits (29%) from the 1-year historical average*, and a decrease of 10 permits (67%) from the 3-year historical average**. In September 2014, 5 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**.

![](Shallow Water - Approved New Permits.png)

* 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.
In July 2014, the average approval time for a plan was 106 days, representing an increase of 74% from the historical average of 61 days. In August 2014, the average approval time for a plan was 106 days, representing an increase of 74% from the historical average of 61 days. In September 2014, the average approval time for a plan was 109 days, representing an increase of 79% from the historical average of 61 days.

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