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

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**GPI+ as of December 6, 2011**

**Deep Water Permits**

Over the past three months, an average of 4.7 deep water permits are being issued per month, representing a decrease of 19% from the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill, and a decrease of 33% from the historical monthly average of 7.0 new deep water well permits.

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**Shallow Water Permits**

Over the past three months, an average of 8.3 shallow water permits are being issued per month, representing an increase of 25% from the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill, and a decrease of 64% from the historical monthly average of 14.7 new shallow water well permits.

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¹ Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington
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**GPI+ as of November 22, 2011**

**Plans**

In 2011, the average approval time for a plan is 111 days, representing an increase of 83% from the historical average of 60.6 days. Since the oil spill, all deepwater plans that include any type of drilling activity must undergo an environmental assessment (EA) process; for deepwater plans requiring EAs in 2011, the average approval time is 218 days, significantly higher than the overall average approval time.

In 2011, 34% of plans submitted to BOEMRE are being approved, representing a difference of 54% from the historical 73.4% approval rate. The low approval rate in 2010 is largely due to the moratorium which existed from May 31 to October 12, 2010.