The GPI+

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

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### GPI+ through April 30, 2012

#### Permits

In April 2012, 13 deep water permits were issued. These permit approvals represents an increase of 7 permits (117%) from the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill, and an increase of 6 permits (86%) from the historical monthly average of 7 new deep water well permits.

![Deep Water - Approved New Permits](chart)

In April 2012, 7 shallow water permits were issued, in line with the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill, and a decrease of 53% from the 3-year historical monthly average of 15 new shallow water well permits.

![Shallow Water - Approved New Permits](chart)

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

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In April 2012, the average approval time for a plan was 102 days, representing an increase of 67% from the historical average of 61 days.

Average Approval Time (days)

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