In May 2012, 15 deep water permits were issued. These permit approvals represents an increase of 9 permits (150%) from the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill, and an increase of 8 permits (114%) from the historical monthly average of 7 new deep water well permits.

In May 2012, 2 shallow water permits were issued, a decrease of 71% from the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill, and a decrease of 87% from the 3-year historical monthly average of 15 new shallow water well permits.
In May 2012, the average approval time for a plan was 99.9 days, representing an increase of 64% from the historical average of 61 days.

Average Approval Time (days)

- **Oil Spill**
- **Federal Deepwater Drilling Moratorium Lifted**

Gap = 39 days
64%

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

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