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

In July 2012, 5 deep-water permits were issued. These permit approvals represents a decrease of 1 permit (17%) from the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill, and a decrease of 2 permits (29%) from the historical monthly average of 7 new deep water well permits.

**Deep Water - Approved New Permits**

In July 2012, 3 shallow-water permits were issued, a decrease of 4 permits (57%) from the monthly average observed in the year prior to the oil spill, and a decrease of 12 permits (80%) from the 3-year historical monthly average of 15 new shallow water well permits.

**Shallow Water - Approved New Permits**

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 July 2012, the average approval time for a plan was 110.6 days, representing an increase of 82% from the historical average of 61 days.

![Average Approval Time (days) chart](chart.png)

- **Gap = 50 82%**
- **5-Year Prior to Oil Spill Historical Avg. = 61 days**

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