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

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Deep Water

Over the past three months, only 1.3 deep water permits are being issued per month, representing a decrease of 78% from historical averages of new deep water well permit issuance.

Shallow Water

Shallow water permitting issuance levels have surpassed the previous year’s monthly average of 7.1 for the first time in more than a year, with the current three-month trailing average at 7.7 permits issued per month.