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Great Strides in Offshore Safety

Dear Nikki,

Immediately following the tragic incident in the Gulf of Mexico five years ago, the industry launched [a comprehensive review of offshore safety measures and practices <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/28ed7a4d2e>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/28ed7a4d2e). We identified areas for improvement to strengthen accident prevention, intervention and response capabilities; published more than 100 new and revised standards for well design, blowout prevention equipment, worker safety and other elements of exploration and production; and launched [the Center for Offshore Safety \(COS\) <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/d31b660792>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/d31b660792), which is devoted entirely to improving safety programs, fostering safety culture and sharing best practices and lessons learned throughout the industry.

A new, first-of-its-kind report from COS demonstrates the oil and natural gas industry's daily [commitment to improving the safety <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/72324ebc97>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/72324ebc97) of offshore operations:

- COS member companies did not suffer a single fatality or loss of well control over the course of more than 42 million work hours in 2013.
- On average, 96 percent of planned critical offshore maintenance, inspections and testing were performed on schedule.
- All eligible COS members successfully completed COS audits of their Safety and Environmental Management Systems – enhanced safety programs that are based on an API standard and now required by the federal government.
- The indicators of safety performance, data about lessons learned from incidents and other information in the report will guide future efforts to make offshore operations even safer.

[The report <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/37dd095364>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/37dd095364) verifies that America's oil and natural gas industry and our regulators have kept our commitment to make offshore operations safer than ever before.

The industry's overall safety record was strong before Macondo, and the co-chairs of President Obama's national spill commission were absolutely right when they said last April that offshore drilling is now even safer.

[Offshore energy development <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/6b83b3b809>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/34e1da6d64/2505242c36/6b83b3b809) is a vital part of America's energy renaissance, and we will continue to relentlessly pursue our goal of zero accidents and zero spills.

Sincerely,

Jack Gerard
President and CEO

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