

## BSEE Enforcement Statistics for Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC

Black Elk first became a designated operator in March 2010. Currently, Black Elk Energy is the designated operator for 98 production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

A total of 214 production inspections were conducted on platforms operated by Black Elk from 2010 through October 2012. A total of 24 well operations inspections were conducted on drilling rigs operated by Black Elk from 2011 through October 2012.

Both production and well operations inspections of Black Elk's platforms and drilling rigs resulted in the issuance of the following Incidents of Non-Compliance (INCs).

Enforcement Statistics for Black Elk Energy by Calendar Year			
Year	# of Incidents of Non-Compliance Issued	# of Inspections	# of Platforms & Rigs Operated by Black Elk Energy as of year-end
2010	60	42	40
2011	99	85	65
2012	156	111	98

Type of INC	Breakdown of INCs
Warning	158
Component Shut-in	145
Facility Shut-in	12
Warning	A warning INC is issued if the violation is not considered to be severe or threatening. The violation must be corrected within a reasonable amount of time as specified on the INC.
Component Shut-in	A component shut-in INC is issued when a violation is considered severe or threatening. The operator must shut-in the component or piece of equipment that is in violation. The violation must be corrected before the operator is allowed to continue the activity in question.
Facility Shut-in	A facility shut-in INC is issued when a violation is considered severe or threatening to the safety of personnel or the environment. The operator must shut-in the entire facility. The violation must be corrected before the operator is allowed to re-start operations.

### Civil Penalties:

BSEE issued a \$307,000 civil penalty fine to Black Elk for an INC that was issued during an inspection. The INC and subsequent civil penalty focused on a Surface-controlled Subsurface Safety Valve (SCSSV) that was not tested for leakage at the required interval of six months. When the SCSSV was tested, it was found leaking greater than the maximum allowed volume. The SCSSV was not repaired or replaced for 117 days (April 5, 2010 through July 30, 2010). [Click HERE for Summary of Civil Penalties Paid.](http://www.bsee.gov/Inspection-and-Enforcement/Civil-Penalties-and-Appeals/Civil-Penalties-and-Appeals.aspx) <http://www.bsee.gov/Inspection-and-Enforcement/Civil-Penalties-and-Appeals/Civil-Penalties-and-Appeals.aspx>