

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Allan Pulsipher gave an invited paper titled "Watershed, Aberration and Hallucination: The Last Twenty Years," at a Symposium on Twenty Years After the Energy Shock--How Far Have We Come? Where Are We Headed? organized by the Joint Institute for Energy and Environment, University of Tennessee in April that will be published with the other papers presented at symposium. He also gave presentations dealing with the Tennessee Valley Authority at the Tennessee Public Power Association Convention and at the Institute of Public Policy Studies at Vanderbilt University in May. Bob Baumann, Wumi Iledare and Allan Pulsipher have given or agreed to give four papers related to CES's studies of majors and independents--at the 1993 and 1994 meetings of the International Association for Energy Economics, at the 1995 Offshore and Arctic Operations Symposium of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the 1994 joint meeting of the American Economic Association and the International Association for Energy Economics.

CES PROPOSES TO EXTEND STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC ROLES OF INDEPENDENTS AND MAJORS ON THE OCS TO SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS

With financial support from LSU's Sea Grant Program, the Minerals Management Service and "matching" funds from participants in CES's industry associates program; CES has been studying the possible economic consequences of the "majors" and large independents shifting their E&P investment focus abroad, and, consequently, the smaller independents increasing their share of OCS and domestic production. Although this research is still underway, CES was invited by MMS to submit a "second-year" proposal to extend this study to safety and environmental consequences, and has done so.

The objective of the proposed project will be to characterize and compare the safety and environmental records of oil and gas companies operating on the OCS in the Gulf of Mexico over the past decade. This should help inform policy-makers within the public sector as well as decision-makers in the private sector about the nature and magnitude of safety and environmental risks associated with an

expected increased presence of smaller independents in the domestic oil and gas industry in general and on the federal OCS in particular.

DEMONSTRATION OF A SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS PRODUCING OPERATIONS ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Objective:

BDM-Oklahoma is soliciting potential offerors

NEW PERSONNEL

Keith Long, an independent oil and gas operator of Metairie, has been hired as a Coordinator effective August 1, 1994. Keith, who is an LSU graduate, will assist in the development of the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council and will be working on some special oil and gas research projects, including tracking the impacts of Senate Bill 31 (oil and gas incentives) and examining the economics of some marginal wells.

Michael Surman, of Baton Rouge, has been hired as a Computer Analyst effective August 15, 1994. Mike will be responsible for maintaining our computer

