

Potential Obstructions in the Gulf of Mexico

Following recent hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, several platforms were destroyed and have become potential obstructions to offshore operators and mariners. According to United States authorities there have been two separate incidents of vessels striking submerged platforms with severe consequences.



In order to prevent any further incidents of collisions with submerged or destroyed platforms or parts thereof occurring, the United States department of Minerals Management Service has issued Safety Alert No 233 which lists the location of all facilities that were destroyed by the hurricanes.

The safety alert can be found at the US Mineral Management Service website:
<http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/offshore/safety/safealt/SA-233.pdf>

In addition, general information on the recent hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico region can be found at the US Coast Guard Homeland Security website:
<http://www.d8publicaffairs.com/external/index.cfm?cid=425&clientID=326193>

All members and clients are advised to exercise caution when operating in the area and pay particular attention to any information provided by the US authorities and local agents.

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