

Ellwood/South Ellwood Decommissioning Project Update

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Platform Holly – Recent History

- April 2017: Venoco quitclaim.
- Nov 2019: Exxon Mobil commenced operations to plug and abandon the wells.
- March 2020: COVID-19 necessitated shutdown of operations after the lower, oil producing sections of 14 wells had been sealed.
- August 2021: re-activation of the abandonment rig commenced.



Platform Holly – Back In Action

- The crew began 24hr operations on October 1st.
- Abandonment operations recommenced on the first well on October 5th.
- 3 of 30 wells abandoned to the surface to date.



Ongoing Activity

- The Commission and its contractor, Beacon West Energy, continues to staff the facilities in order to maintain health and safety, monitor security, monitor the wells, and maintain the facilities during the P&A operation.
- DCOR has taken over the operations side of the abandonment while ExxonMobil continues to oversee the abandonment work and the eventual decommissioning of the platform.
- The Commission, in cooperation with the County, uses the Goleta pier for crew transport.
- Cargo continues to be moved through Carpinteria and Port Hueneme.

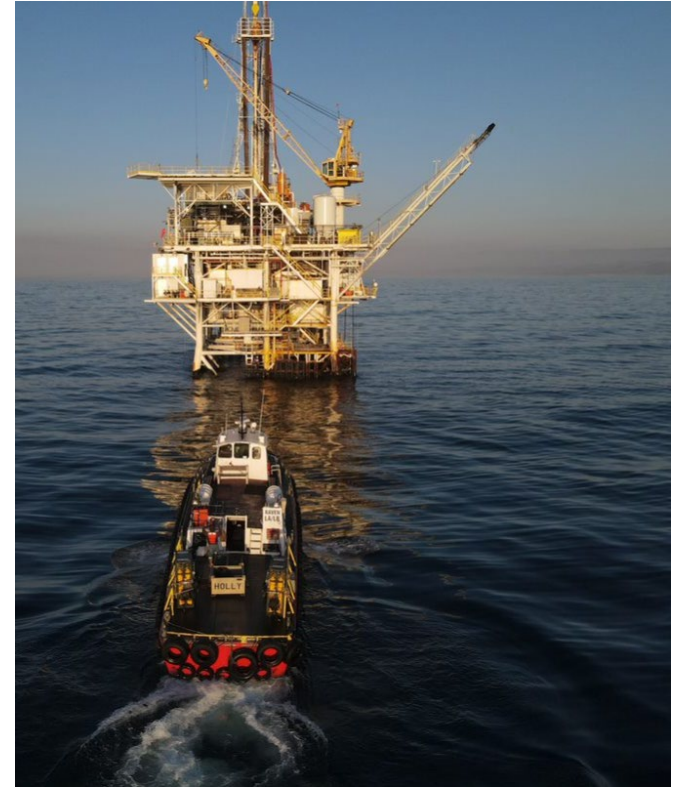
Ongoing Activity continued

- The Emergency Action Plan (EAP) was reviewed and updated in November 2021.
- Oil, Gas and Utility pipeline Integrity tests were completed late September 2021.
- Pipeline ROV survey conducted in November 2021.
- Regular platform 'Spill Drill' in conjunction with Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) scheduled for mid December.



The Future

- Current projections estimate that all wells will be sealed in 12 - 18 months.
- Platform 'hardening' will then commence to place the platform in an inert shutdown condition.
- CEQA analysis (EIR) will initiate in late 2022-early 2023 to analyze final platform disposition.
- Pre-CEQA public outreach is anticipated in mid-2022.



Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF)

- No new operations have occurred or are planned at this time and over 50% of the processing facility has already been taken out of service.
- Once all wells are plugged, daily operations at the EOF facility will be discontinued and the facility secured.



PRC 421 Piers and Wells



History and progress to date:

- PRC 421 Lease and the associated two wells and pier structures were among the assets quitclaimed to the State by Venoco in 2017.
- Both wells were plugged to current CalGEM regulations in 2019.
- The project team is currently working on CEQA documentation to enable the removal of the piers and caisson structures. The draft EIR is currently under review and expected to be released before the end of 2021.





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