**Interior’s Office of Policy Analysis Seminar**

**Rigs to Reefs: Decommissioning Oil and Gas Platforms into Artificial Reefs**



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The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) promotes and enforces safety and environmental stewardship throughout the offshore energy exploration, production and decommissioning lifecycle. The Minerals Management Service, the predecessor of BSEE, was key in developing artificial reef policy as well as the regulatory requirements under 30 CFR §250.1730, allowing the conversion of platforms that were no longer useful to artificial reefs. These structures continue to attract and sustain ocean life, as well as provide fishing and diving opportunities. BSEE continues to coordinate and facilitate the conversion of appropriately decommissioned oil and gas platforms from operators to a designated State artificial reef program. This presentation will explore the process and history of “Rigs to Reef” in the Gulf of Mexico, which has successfully converted over 500 oil and gas platforms into artificial reefs.

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