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InterMoor software system shows Gulf of Mexico infrastructure

InterMoor, an Acteon company, has launched MoorVision, an innovative software system that provides clear, up-to-date photos of the infrastructure in any defined area in the Gulf of Mexico (GoM) using Google Earth™.

The first step for drilling with a moored mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU) in the GoM is to secure a permit, and this involves evaluating the risk of damaging existing infrastructure. Difficulties in obtaining accurate well, pipeline and platform production data can make this a labor-intensive and time-consuming process.

The MoorVision system helps to cut the time and effort required to gather the necessary information by accessing and presenting publicly available information from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE). It will also facilitate the risk assessment process recommended in the American Petroleum Institute's Gulf of Mexico MODU Mooring Practice for Hurricane Season.

MoorVision enables users to:

- query the BOEMRE's public-domain GoM infrastructure database
- collect and compile infrastructure data, including well production, pipeline flow rates and reported metering rates within a 15-nautical-mile [28-km] radius
- generate a Google Earth visualization file
- import the data to the consequence assessment workbook developed by the American Bureau of Shipping for the MODU Mooring Strength and Reliability Joint Industry Project.

David Cobb, InterMoor vice president of business development, said, "We wanted to create a tool that could help to streamline risk assessments for the moored rig permitting process and to develop something that would take a collaborative approach to assessing risk while saving time and money for BOEMRE, rig owners and operators."

MoorVision is available to the public on InterMoor's website: www.intermoor.com.

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Notes for editors

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