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## **National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) Recommendations for Safety Management Systems for Vessels Conducting OCS Activities**

The Coast Guard is issuing this Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) to owners/operators of vessel(s) engaged in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) activities (as defined at 33 Code of Federal Regulations §140.10 - Definitions). At its Fall 2016 public meeting in Houston, Texas, the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) presented its Report with recommendations to the Coast Guard for addressing risks associated with Well Intervention activities conducted on the OCS. The Report is posted here: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/NOSAC>.

In its Report, NOSAC recommends “that a suitable formal Safety Management System (SMS) with a robust Risk Assessment and MOC (Management of Change) process be required for all WI activities”. The NOSAC report highlights the value of a fully implemented SMS which addresses the risks to the vessel, crew and marine environment associated with the activity and includes appropriate crew training in SMS procedures prior to conducting OCS activities.

The Coast Guard continues to work with NOSAC on this and other matters affecting OCS industries. NOSAC’s next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017 in New Orleans, LA.

Questions from vessel owners/operators, Recognized Organizations, other entities engaged in OCS activities, and the public regarding this MSIB may be directed to the Office of Operating and Environmental Standards, Commandant (CG-OES) at 202-372-1358 or via email at [Patrick.w.clark@uscg.mil](mailto:Patrick.w.clark@uscg.mil).

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