

May 15, 2009

Dear Attendee,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we invite you to the 2009 API Offshore Safe Lifting Conference & Expo. We have an incredibly diverse program this year, with a variety of operational and technical topics covering all aspects of offshore cranes and lifting. Our speakers cover a broad range of expertise and backgrounds and you will quickly become engaged during our open panel discussions along with the Q&A periods. We encourage you come early, grab a good seat and prepare to ask the challenging questions to help stimulate a valuable exchange of ideas. Additionally, a host of exhibitors will be on hand to provide the latest in crane and lifting equipment, tools and services relating to cranes and lifting. We would like to thank all the speakers, moderators, exhibitors, and session coordinators for dedicating their time and energy to making this conference the success it is planned to be.

Tuesday morning we'll kick off the conference with our first Keynote Speaker, Commander Patrick W. Clark. Commander Clark has completed 17 years of service with the US Coast Guard and is currently assigned as the Chief of the Vessel and Facility Operating Standards Division (CG-5222) within the Office of Operating and Environmental Standards at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. His responsibilities include the development of U.S. standards, regulations and guidance for inspected and uninspected commercial vessels, facilities, and offshore oil and gas platforms.

Our second Keynote Speaker, Mr. Michael Saucier, is currently the Regional Supervisor for Field Operations, Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region, with the U.S. Department of the Interior in New Orleans, Louisiana. As Regional Supervisor, Mr. Saucier oversees a staff of 170 engineers, geoscientists, technicians, inspectors and administrators who are responsible for safe and environmentally responsible oil and gas operations throughout the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

Be sure to take a moment to thank each of our sponsors, as well as visit with each of the exciting array of companies in the exhibit area. The welcome reception is not to be missed as well.

Thank you for planning to join us, and we look forward to seeing each of you in Houston.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Smith".

Phil Smith  
Shell Exploration & Production Company  
Co-Chair  
Offshore Safe Lifting Conference

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David Dykes  
Minerals Management Service  
Co-Chair  
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