

Summary: Unsubstantiated Allegations of False Reporting by an Offshore Oil and Gas Production Company

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The OIG investigated allegations that an offshore oil and gas company manipulated inspections, bypassed equipment and safety procedures, and subsequently falsified reports to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). It was also alleged that employees working aboard the company's drilling ship illegally washed oil into the Gulf of Mexico after pulling a blowout preventer onto the deck of the ship.

We did not substantiate these allegations.

We also attempted to address concerns that we received in the course of the investigation that an employee forged routine maintenance records. We did not find sufficient evidence to prove or disprove this allegation.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the BSEE Director.

