

# **Summary: Offshore Servicing Company Failed to Conduct Mandated Safety Tests and Submitted False Information to BSEE**

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The OIG investigated allegations that an offshore oil and gas servicing company bypassed safety valves and falsified mandated safety tests associated with an oil and gas production platform located in the Gulf of Mexico. The safety tests are required by Federal regulations enforced by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) to ensure that equipment aboard the platform functions properly and prevents the discharge of hydrocarbons into Federal waters.

We found that the servicing company did not perform the mandated safety tests but submitted documentation to BSEE that falsely represented that the safety tests had been conducted. We also determined that multiple safety valves aboard the offshore platform were bypassed and remained in that condition for at least 59 days but potentially as long as 223 days. We presented our findings to the U.S. Department of Justice, which declined prosecution.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the Director of BSEE for action as deemed appropriate.

