

(4) Evaluation, comparison and analysis of the procedures and approaches utilized by the oil spill research programs with regard to prioritization, proposal evaluation, and performance tracking and investigate, document, and compare differences found between the two programs and to identify best practices for future efforts.

Products:

- Database of offshore oil and gas related research funded by state-sponsored oil spill research programs
- GIS and metadata files
- Final Report

Importance to BOEM: The OSRADP and the Texas archives record almost two decades of experience and information that may be directly relevant to the natural resource, social, and economic consequences of the *Deepwater Horizon* event, one of the largest man-made disasters ever to eventuate from offshore oil and gas development. Accurately understanding the operation and output from these programs would assist in responding to the various calls for an expansion and improvement in oil spill research. It would also be consistent with the legislative intent of the legislation creating the state oil spill research programs to try to make these archives as useful and available to researchers as possible as well as to explore their effects on oil spill policy and research in a larger context.

Current Status: The project recently commenced in fall of 2014 and is currently progressing according to schedule..

Final Report Due: July 2016

Publications:

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