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Mr. Richie D. Baud is currently the Regional Supervisor for the Office of Production and Development, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region, U.S. Department of the Interior in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Mr. Baud works with OCS operators, state agencies, and other Federal agencies to promote the prudent, timely, and responsible production of offshore oil and gas while protecting the interests of the public.

As the Production and Development Office's Regional Supervisor, his regulatory responsibilities include the oversight of conservation enforcement and production measurement. Mr. Baud was the lead author of the revised U.S. offshore flaring and venting regulations and he has also co-authored numerous publications related to production forecasting and deepwater Gulf of Mexico activities.

Mr. Baud has twenty-seven years of experience working with the oil and gas industry. He joined the Department of Interior in January 1994 and has held several positions in Resource Evaluation and Production and Development Program Offices. He was promoted to his current position in January 2012.

Mr. Baud received a B.S. Degree in Geophysics from Bowling Green State University in May, 1985, and an M.S. Degree in Geophysics from Purdue University in May, 1988.