

Biography – Lars Herbst

Lars Herbst is the Director of the Gulf of Mexico Region of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). Lars supervises the regulation of operations, inspection and enforcement program, overall protection of the safety of activities, and environment compliance on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) federal lands leased for oil, gas and other mineral development. Leases that are overseen by the Gulf of Mexico Region contain approximately 2,300 platforms and numerous drilling rigs. Lars manages a staff of 350, which includes petroleum engineers, structural engineers, geologists, geophysicists, and environmental scientists. Lars began his federal career with the former Minerals Management Service in 1983 as a staff engineer in the Gulf of Mexico Region's Technical Assessment Unit. He later held positions as a drilling engineer, district manager, and field operations regional supervisor. Lars is a registered professional engineer in the State of Louisiana and holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from Louisiana State University.