

# Contractors, operators receive SAFE Awards

**THE MINERALS MANAGEMENT** Service (MMS) recognized several IADC members as winners of the agency's 2003 District Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE) for the Gulf of Mexico district.

The SAFE Program recognizes and commends those operating companies that expend extra effort and conduct their operations in a safe and pollution-free manner, adhering to all regulatory requirements, employing trained and motivated personnel and taking extra

steps to enhance the safety of operations and environmental protection.

The drilling contractors winning the 2003 SAFE award are as follows:

- New Orleans District – **Helmerich & Payne IDC**
- Houma District – **Pride Offshore**
- Lafayette District – **GlobalSantaFe**
- Lake Charles District – **ENSCO International**

In addition, the MMS announced the finalists for the National SAFE Award, with the winner to be announced at a luncheon in Houston in April. The National SAFE Award drilling contractor finalists are **Diamond Offshore, Helmerich & Payne IDC** and **Noble Drilling (US)**.

Each of the regional winners received a certificate from MMS Regional Director **Chris Oynes**.

The SAFE Award program was established by the MMS in 1983 to recognize and honor companies that make a concerted effort to train and motivate their employees to conduct offshore operations in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

The agency recognizes both high OCS activity and moderate OCS activity categories for production.

Moderate activities are generally from a non-integrated, non-affiliated company.

Drilling and production contractors with exemplary OCS performance are also recognized, with winners being selected by each district office.

High activity SAFE Award winners are **Energy Partners, Ltd, ChevronTexaco, Devon Energy Corporation** and **Devon Energy Production Company**.

Moderate activity winners were **Taylor Energy Company, EOG Resources** and **Energy Resource Technology**.

Production contractor winners were **Baker Energy, Danos & Curole Marine Contractors** and **Wood Group Production Services**. ■