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HURRICANE OPAL - REPORT #2

To keep you informed about the effect of Hurricane Opal on offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico, the Minerals Management Service will provide status reports as information becomes available.

Number of Operators reporting: 82

*Gas Production Shut-In: 9.014 billion cubic feet

**Oil Production Shut-In: 817,528 barrels

Evacuations: 824 platforms and 116 rigs.

OPERATORS ARE BEGINNING THE RESUMPTION OF PRODUCTION. NO FIGURES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

* Daily Gas Production in the Gulf is about 13 billion cubic feet

** Daily Oil Production in the Gulf is about 800,000 barrels

NOTE: An estimated 60 structures were exposed to hurricane force winds. No damage reports have been received, but a request has been made to operators that they file damage reports with our Gulf of Mexico Region as soon as possible. MMS expects to fly a helicopter over the area today in an effort to make a preliminary damage determination.

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