

CITATION

NATIONAL SAFETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Noble Drilling Company

The Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service presents its 1996 National Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE) in the category of "Contractor" to the Noble Drilling Company. This award recognizes Noble for an outstanding performance while conducting oil and gas production operations on the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States of America.

Noble qualified for the 1996 National SAFE Award by being selected as recipient of the Lafayette District SAFE Award for drilling operations conducted by Noble's Tom Jobe Drilling Rig in the Lafayette District area of the Gulf of Mexico Region. Noble's personnel were found to be conducting their operations in an exemplary manner and in conformance with the statutory requirements of the Outer Continental Shelf. The accuracy and completeness with which field records were kept greatly aided the Lafayette District MMS inspectors in the completion of their inspections. Noble is also noted for its awareness of regulatory requirements and voluntary compliance attitude region wide.

Secretary of the Interior