



TAR Decommissioning Projects

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BSEE identifies decommissioning as the process of ending oil, gas or sulphur operations and returning the lease or pipeline right-of-way to a condition specified by regulatory requirements. BSEE works to ensure that obsolete structures and components are cleared from the site to prevent use conflicts.

Sea life habitat beneath platform structure

To avoid release of hydrocarbons to the environment, wells are plugged and cut below the mud line and pipelines removed or internally cleaned and prepared for decommissioning in place.

BSEE supports and encourages the reuse of obsolete offshore petroleum structures as artificial reefs in US waters as long as the structure does not pose an impediment to future mineral development and other OCS use.

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