

**BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT (BSEE)
Contingency Plan Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

Q. What programs will remain operational if the federal government is shutdown on October 1st?

A. BSEE would continue to perform permitting, enforcement, investigative functions, field operations and designated administrative support functions.

Q. Why have these programs been identified as exempt from shutdown procedures?

A. These programs are necessary to protect life and property. These areas perform regulatory and permit oversight; protect government assets; ensure safety, occupational health and environmental protection in ongoing operations; manage essential contracts; determine environmental consequences and mitigation of proposed actions; and, provide necessary support to these programs.

Q. What programs would cease productivity in the event of a government shutdown on October 1st?

A. Programs not directly related to the immediate protection of life and property, include: the National Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility (Ohmsett), Training Programs, Regulation drafting and promulgation, and scientific studies not related to major on-going activities.

Q. How many bureau employees would be affected by the shutdown?

A. 369 employees would be furloughed in the event of a shutdown.

Q. Would any key citizen services be impacted by the shutdown?

A. None