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## Presidents Letter May 2003

Dear Fellow AADE members,

I hope you all enjoyed Leendert-Jan Ursem's presentation on the drilling challenges and successes that Shell had on the Na Kika project. I believe it's a very positive sign that all of our case histories have begun discussing HES performance. One of my ChevronTexaco colleagues mentioned a couple of techniques and technologies that he first heard about during Leendert's presentation he thought might apply to the drilling program he is planning. It's always great to hear when your AADE chapter has provided the customers with practical drilling knowledge.

We all have a great opportunity to gain even more practical knowledge at our ½ day Technical Forum on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn on Loyola titled "Pushing the Limits" which will include presentations on HTHP, ultra-deep-water, and extended reach drilling. The forum is *free* to all members who had paid by April 10<sup>th</sup> but will cost \$50, including lunch, for all non-members or those members who signed up after April 10<sup>th</sup>. Speakers include Kaz Javanmardi with Shell, Bill Daugherty and George Coltrin with BP, and John Barker with ExxonMobil. A copy of the program is included. Our luncheon following the forum will also feature Mr. Keith Morton with ChevronTexaco who will discuss innovative drilling fluids for extreme HPHT wells as well as Tony Krepp with K&M who will discuss what is currently defining the edge for extended reach drilling. Our luncheon will cost \$ 25 for members and \$ 30 for those non-members who did not also attend the forum. Let's show our support and appreciation for our speakers as well as for our Technical Committee by having a full house at both the forum and at the luncheon. Please do make reservations no later than Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> by either calling or emailing Paula Hebert @ 593-6876 or paula.hebert@halliburton.com.

***We still have openings for our AADE Golf Tournament at Bayou Oaks Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up by calling Mr. Bob Freeman at 525-2487 or by email at if you have not already done so.***

As always, if you have suggestions on how we can improve and better serve you, please email me at .

*Chase Hinson*

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## May 1, 2003 Technical Forum:

On May 1 the forum will be held from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm and is free to all paid members. Lunch will still cost \$25 and payable at the door. The line up is impressive and we know that you'll want to attend.

**ALERT — The odds have risen to 4 to 1 in favor of Chase. Be there to see the exciting climax!!!**

## Calendar of Events

May 1, 2003	AADE Technical Forum "Pushing the Limits" 9:30 am to 1:00 pm Dixieland Jazz Room - Holiday Inn Superdome
May 9, 2003	AADE Golf Tournament Bayou Oaks Golf Course
May 22, 2003	NOGS Technical Forum
June 6, 2003	Fin, Feather, Fur Food Festival

Please contact Paula Hebert at 504-593-6876 or e-mail to paula.hebert@halliburton.com. The luncheon fees are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. You can pay your \$15 membership at the same time you pay for lunch. Reservations must be made by Monday prior to each monthly luncheon. If you have made reservations and are unable to attend, please cancel with Paula Hebert.



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Hosted by  
**The New Orleans Geological Society**  
New Orleans Marriott Hotel  
555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

**Early Registration Cost: \$125/person (\$150 after May 1)**  
Price includes Wednesday night (May 21) icebreaker, Thursday lunch and refreshments  
Attendance limited to 300

Registration forms available at [www.nogs.org](http://www.nogs.org) or call (504)561-8800.  
For general information contact George Rhoads at (504)592-6873 or [grhoads@chevronlexaco.com](mailto:grhoads@chevronlexaco.com)

**Keynote speaker:**  
Frank Harrison



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Mail or fax this registration form along with your \$125 payment before May 1, 2003 to NOGS. Additional icebreaker guest tickets are \$30.00. Credit cards are accepted.

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Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ AmEx \_\_\_\_\_ Disc \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOM Rig Activity For Week 4-3-03

### Current Rigs contracted:

All Offshore GOM rigs: 141 (Change from previous week +0)  
 Deepwater rigs (> 500 Ft): 37 (Change from previous week +0)  
 Shelf rigs (< 500 Ft): 104 (Change from previous week +0)

### Current rig utilization:

Jackups Contracted/Marketed (85/106) = 80.2% of capacity.  
 Semis Contracted/Marketed (22/29) = 75.9% of capacity.  
 Drillships Contracted/Marketed (7/7) = 100% of capacity.  
 Platform Rigs Contracted/Marketed (31/56) = 55.4% of capacity.  
 Inland Water Barges Contracted/Marketed (36/49) = 73.5% of capacity.

### Most Active Operators in Gulf Of Mexico For Week 4-3-03

Number	Operator	Rigs Drilling
1	ChevronTexaco	16
2	Shell	9
3	BP	9
4	Anadarko	8
5	Exxon	7
6	LLOG	6
7	KerrMcGee	5
8	EIPaso	4
9	Ocean Energy	4
10	Unocal/ EPL/ Dominion	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

### Includes Shelf/Deepwater/Inland Activities for New Orleans Based Operators

Operator	Rigs Drilling
ChevronTexaco	14
Shell	9
LLOG	6
Dominion	4
Energy Partners (EPL)	4
W&T Offshore	3
Murphy	2
Century Exploration	1
Denbury Resources	1
W.G. Hellis	1
Taylor Energy	1
NCX	1
Linder	0
Bass Enterprises	0
Key Production	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>



## American Association of Drilling Engineers 2003 AADE TECHNICAL FORUM

### “PUSHING THE LIMITS”

### THE TECHNOLOGY LIMITS BEING PUSHED BY DRILLING HTHP, ULTRA DEEP, AND EXTENDED REACH WELLS

**DATE: MAY 1, 2003 TIME: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**PLACE: HOLIDAY INN ON LOYOLA AVE. (First Floor in Dixieland Jazz Rooms)**

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|---------------|--|--|
| 9:30 - 9:45   | Introduction and Opening Remarks                         |  |
| 9:45 - 10:15  | Deep Gas HTHP Drilling Challenges and Solutions          | <i>Kaz Javanmardi, Shell E&amp;P</i>             |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | “Pompano” Extended Reach Well MC A-32 Case History       | <i>Bill Daugherty / George Coltrin, BP Amoco</i> |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | Ultra-Deep Deepwater Drilling Limits                     | <i>John Barker, Exxon Mobil</i>                  |
| 11:30         | Lunch Served on the 8th floor - Cost \$25.00             |  |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Innovative Drilling Fluids Design For Extreme HTHP Wells | <i>Keith Morton, Chevron Texaco</i>              |
| 12:30 - 1:00  | What is Currently Defining the Edge of the Envelope?     | <i>Tony Krepp, K &amp; M Technology Group</i>    |

**RESERVATIONS: PAULA HEBERT**  
**504-593-6876 (wk)**  
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**Reservations must be made for both Technical Forum and Lunch**  
**the Technical Forum (morning session) is Free to paid N.O. Members Only**

# CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS / EXHIBITS

## DEEPWATER SYMPOSIUM

### August 25/26, 2003


The Seventh Annual Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Symposium is scheduled for August 25/26, 2003 in New Orleans. The Symposium is a joint effort between the Delta Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), New Orleans Geological Society (NOGS), and American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE). Registration information for this event will be available in May 2003.

The theme of this annual symposium is Exploiting the Deepwater Frontier. The aim of this years' Symposium is to share knowledge, enabling technologies and improvements to existing technologies.

The technical sessions will cover a wide array of topics including HS&E, reservoir and economics, flow assurance, production systems and facilities, drilling and completion technology, geoscience, emerging technologies. In addition, an exhibit hall with contractor presentations will be available for participants.

**Instructions for Abstract** - if interested, by May 1st, submit a two paragraph abstract to SPE Delta Section Deepwater Symposium, Box 52737, New Orleans, LA 70152. Please, include authors name and contact information, society affiliations, and the type of presentation format you will require. The symposium will feature presentations only, with no printed or recorded proceedings.

**Exhibit hall** - if your company would like to exhibit at the Deepwater Symposium, or if you would like to obtain more information on this event contact R. Dean McPhearson 504.561.7936 (dean.mcphearson@bakerhughes.com). Come and join us in transferring knowledge.




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