



## Accreditation Quality Policy and Objectives

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The Mission of the Center for Offshore Safety (COS) is to promote continual improvement in safety and offshore operational integrity in the offshore oil and gas industry. COS' Audit Service Provider (ASP) Accreditation Program supports this Mission. The program identifies ASP that have demonstrated the capability to conduct Safety and Environmental Management System (SEMS) audits of offshore oil and gas operations that conform to the requirements of API Recommended Practice 75 *Recommended Practice for Development of a Safety and Environmental Management Program for Offshore Operations and Facilities*, COS requirements, and 30 CFR 250 Subpart S. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) formally recognized COS as an Accreditation Body in accordance with its regulations. BSEE's mission is to promote safety, protect the environment, and conserve resources offshore through vigorous regulatory oversight and enforcement.

The policy of COS is to conduct its Accreditation Program with the highest level of integrity and to give confidence in the accreditation of ASP.

Everyone within the Center for Offshore Safety (COS) is fully committed to promoting policies and procedures that demonstrate the overriding importance of quality and impartiality to its accreditation activities, and to compliance with the requirements of ISO 17011<sup>1</sup>. COS personnel, and others performing accreditation duties on its behalf, are committed to upholding the principle of impartiality by making decisions that are based on objective criteria while maintaining the highest level of confidence in the assessment of SEMS Audit Service Providers. This commitment is supported by processes that manage conflicts of interest, ensure personnel competence, maintain confidentiality of information, and promote openness and collaboration with stakeholders. This policy is communicated to and understood by all personnel involved in the accreditation program, including COS personnel and others performing accreditation duties on its behalf.

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<sup>1</sup> ISO 17011 *Conformity Assessment – General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies*



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- Conform with the requirements of COS' Accreditation Management System Manual, 30 CFR 250.1922 and ISO 17011.
- Only accredit ASP that have demonstrated the capability to meet the requirements of COS and 30 CFR 250 Subpart S.
- Promote confidence in COS accreditations and in SEMS audit results provided by accredited ASP.
- Arrange for regular audits of COS accreditation activities and conduct management reviews to identify opportunities for improving the accreditation process and implementing those opportunities selected by senior management.

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