

Biographical Information for Charles (Charlie) R. Williams II

Charlie Williams was named Executive Director for the Center for Offshore Safety (COS) in March 2012. Previously he retired from Shell Oil as Chief Scientist - Well Engineering after a 40 year career. At Shell he held other senior management positions including Vice President – Global R&D. He is a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Tennessee and Professional Mechanical Engineer. Charlie received the 2012 Offshore Technology Conference Special Citation and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Regional Safety Award for his offshore safety work. He serves on the Department of Interior OESC Federal Advisory Committee, and he has presented extensively on Safety Management and drilling technology - including to the Presidential Commission, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and National Academy of Science. Charlie chaired the post-Horizon Joint Industry Task Force - Subsea Well Control & Containment and the BSEE/Argonne Labs Workshop – Effects of Water Depth on Offshore Equipment & Operations. Charlie is a recipient of the US Department of Interior - Corporate Citizenship Award and has been awarded the National Ocean Industries Association “Safety in the Seas Award”. He has also served on the Petroleum Engineering curriculum advisory committee at University of Texas. He has been a lifetime member of the SPE.

