

We welcome Scott Angelle to speak at our March meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

### **New Orleans Chapter Newsletter**

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# Scott Angelle

American Offshore Energy: Cest pas fini!



## Louis E. Lemarié

## **Tuesday, March, 15th Andrea's - Metairie** Social 11:30 AM Lunch 12 Noon Reservations and guests: Carol St. Germain - 504-267-3466

#### SCOTT A. ANGELLE BIO

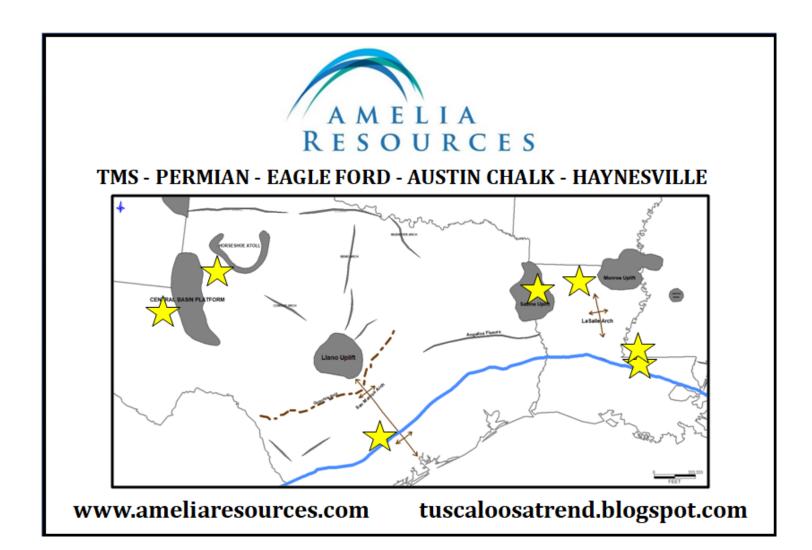
Scott Angelle has recently completed his service to the United States Department of Interior as the nation's longest serving Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). His service was marked by recognition that safety performance AND environmental sustainability AND robust production is not an "either/or" equation for America but rather an "AND" equation. This goal was pursued through a focused STRATEGIC PLAN, introduction of a forward-thinking VITAL STATISTICS PROGRAM combined with an aggressive and a comprehensive CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. He brought his vision, planning and results-oriented approach to BSEE by introducing a new era of management, one that looked beyond only regulation but employed innovation, communication and collaboration as tools to achieve: a safe offshore energy industry, AND an environmentally sustainable industry AND an industry that creates jobs and energizes our great country.

Within 60 days of completing his service, the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) released its 2021 High Risk Series Report to Congressional Committees. This report was in stark comparison to the unflattering 2017 report he inherited. The 2021 Report removed the Restructuring of Offshore Oil and Gas Oversight as a high risk for the GAO. Many of the comments within the 2021 Report cite his leadership and the numerous initiatives instituted during his service. This removal of Restructuring of Offshore Oil and Gas Oversight from this High-Risk Series list increased confidence of the American people regarding Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) activities and will ultimately be very beneficial in the debate regarding America's access to offshore resources. In addition to being this great news for our national security, this is great news for our energy security, economic security and environmental sustainability as America seeks to "Balance the 3 E's<sup>TM</sup>".

He was among the first government leaders to observe that America experienced six recessions from 1973 - 2019, with each one preceded by a spike in energy prices; confirming that as goes America's access to affordable energy so goes her economic performance. This suggests that a solution to this historic problem is a strong domestic energy industry, both renewable and nonrenewable; without ever sacrificing safety or environmental sustainability. He proved that was possible for the offshore sector.

His vision and strong sense of service result from having spent more than 30 years reforming agencies and organizations in both the public and private sectors. During his public career, he has been steadfast in managing resources through a balanced philosophy. He is recognized as a firm but fair regulator, and is guided by his slogan, "I will be where competency, preparation, and integrity meets urgency and accountability". His long and distinguished record of public service includes serving as the first St. Martin Parish President, Chairman of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, Chairman of the Louisiana Water Resources Commission, member of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, member of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana. On behalf of the State of Louisiana, he successfully negotiated an early end to the offshore drilling moratorium imposed by the federal government in 2010. His history of service can be best described as a "turn-around-man;" with successes at the local, state, and federal level. Scott has recently returned to his family and hometown in Cajun Country. He has been happily married to Diane for 36 years, has five children, seven grandchildren and loves his 1964 Ford Motor tractor!

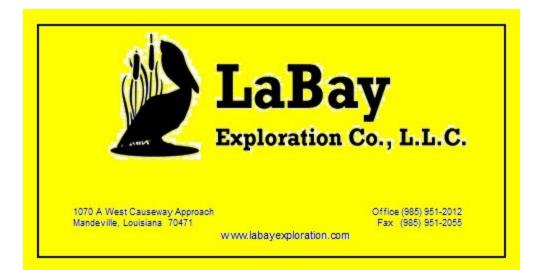




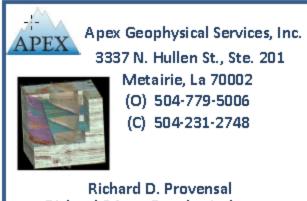


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