



La. Oil & Gas Industry Overview

The oil and gas industry is one of the leading industries in Louisiana in terms of [economic impact](#), [taxes paid](#) and [people employed](#). The industry can [trace its beginnings](#) back to the late 1800's, when gas was discovered in North Louisiana. The first oil well was discovered in 1901 in the Jennings Field and the first successful offshore well drilled out of sight of land was completed in 1947. The Louisiana oil and gas industry actually extends beyond the state boundary of Louisiana and includes much of the Gulf of Mexico. Louisiana is the third leading [producer](#) of natural gas and the fourth leading producer of crude oil in the country. When including the oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana becomes the second leading natural gas producer in the country and the third leading crude oil producer. There are [nineteen active refineries](#) in the state of Louisiana, which accounts for 15% of the total refining capacity in the country. An economic impact study conducted by Dr. Loren Scott shows that the total direct and indirect impact on the state is approximately \$65 billion. The direct impact comes from taxes, royalties, fees, salaries, and other money spent in Louisiana by the oil and gas industry. The indirect impact results from the salaries and wages earned by oil and gas employees being spent in the state, as well as service companies, which do business with oil and gas companies and then do business with other companies. Virtually all [parishes](#) in Louisiana have some oil and gas activity.

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Bad Traits



Some days it seems like everybody is in a bad mood. Or maybe it's just you. If you're getting into more than your share of altercations, perhaps you need to work on one or more of these issues.

- ☠ **Combativeness:** Are you always spoiling for a fight? You're probably angry about something that has nothing to do with the conflict at hand. Try to address what's really bugging you.
- ☘ **Rashness:** Do you tend to fly off the handle? Try the old-fashioned solution. When you feel your blood starting to boil, count to ten before you speak.
- ⊖ **Stubbornness:** Do you refuse to admit you're wrong even when it's evident to everyone else? Your fear of losing face may cost you goodwill. Earn respect by developing the ability to mea culpa.
- ⊙ **Selfishness:** Must it be "my way or the highway"? Learn the value of compromising to secure a win-win.

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Rig #18

Pictured from left to right are Doug Martin, Charles "Buckshot" Hydle, Michael "Mikey" Pate, James Goode and Gabriel Seal.

It was just over a year ago that we spotlighted the guys on Rig #18. Since then, there's one new face in the crew. Gabe, as they call him, took the place of David Hebert who transferred to Rig #4. Doug is still the Rig Supervisor, having been with Reliable twenty-two years plus. "Buckshot" is the driller. He completed sixteen years in March. "Mikey" is the derrickman. He'll have completed fourteen years with the company in September. James and Gabe are the two floorhands. James will have logged five years in December, while Gabe, the newest addition, began working with the crew on May 29th of this year.

The crew has just recently refurbished their rig. They'll soon be headed back on the barge to continue work for Hilcorp.



July Anniversaries

Ervin Padgett 15 yrs. 7/1 RAC
Jimmy Truett 21 yrs. 7/1 RPS
Bob Meredith III 3 yrs. 7/1 LRI
Louis Powell 2 yrs. 7/13 RPS



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Reliable Amusement Company



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Something To Think About

Holding on to anger is like grasping hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else. You're the one who gets burned!

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July Employee Birthdays

Louis James 7/2 LRI
Brian Meche 7/4 RPS
James Granier 7/5 RAC
Gabriel Seal 7/8 RPS
Jamie Boudreaux 7/9 RPS
Andre Dixon 7/13 RPS
Gregory Fontenot 7/17 RPS
Chris David 7/19 RPS
Wayne Robin 7/22 RPS
Paul Bergeron 7/23 LRI
Allen Turner 7/28 RAC
Joseph 'Fatty' Mallet 7/28 RPS
Richie David 7/31 RPS

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Summer is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena – lightning.

In the United States, an average of 66 people are killed each year by lightning. In 2006, there were 47 confirmed deaths and 246 confirmed injuries.

People struck by lightning, who live, suffer from a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms, including memory loss, attention deficits, sleep disorders, numbness, dizziness, stiffness in joints, irritability, fatigue, weakness, muscle spasms, depression, and inability to sit for long.

How Far Away Is Lightning From Me?

To estimate the distance between you and a lightning flash, use the "Flash to Bang" method: If you observe lightning, count the number of seconds until you hear thunder. Divide the number of seconds by five to get the distance in miles.



Example: If you see lightning and it takes 10 seconds before you hear the thunder, then the lightning is 2 miles away. (10 divided by 5 = 2 miles)

Safe Area



A safe building is one that is fully enclosed with a roof, walls and a floor. Enclosed structures are safe because of wiring and plumbing. If lightning strikes these types of buildings, the electrical current from the flash will typically travel through the wiring or the plumbing into the ground. This is also why you should stay away from showers, sinks, tubs, etc. and electronic equipment such as TV's, radios, and computers.

Unsafe Area



A carport, covered patio, picnic shelters, pavilions, camping tents, baseball dugouts and other small buildings such as sheds and greenhouses that do not have electricity or plumbing. Stay away from tall trees and metal objects, such as fences and towers. Lightning is a serious danger.

The National Weather Service advises that you stay inside until 30 minutes after you last hear thunder.

A LABOR OF LOVE

In his book, *Your Best Life Now*, pastor and author Joel Osteen says, "What you expect is what you get. If you dwell on positive thoughts, your life will move in that direction; if you continually think negative thoughts, you will live a negative life." Do you know someone who has succumbed to negative thinking? They say things like, "I always end up with the short straw" or "bad luck is my middle name." They demonstrate an Eeyore way of thinking. You Know! That donkey from the Winnie The Pooh books. Eeyore sets his sights low. We all encounter that person who has a poor-old-me mentality, always seeing the glass half empty. Instead of thinking, and thus acting like Eeyore, we should imitate another character in the Hundred Acre Wood. Tigger, that lovable bouncy, bouncy, bouncy, full of zest for life tiger whose eager to share his joy with his friends. Tigger's unique personality sets him apart as an exuberant one-of-a-kind character. He sees the glass half full. He doesn't mope around with a "poor me attitude."

Psychologists believe that we move toward what we see in our minds. A good example of this is Warren Morris' homerun that clinched the College World Series for LSU in 1996. The headline read, *Morris' dream comes true as Tigers capture CWS Title*. In an interview with the Advocate, Warren Morris is quoted as saying, "I guess you have to see yourself doing it enough times." Morris said he visualized himself hitting the series-clinching homer 100 times. All he had to do was go out and do it.

Back in the 1980's, we heard a nutritional campaign aimed at eating healthy. The catch phrase was "you are what you eat." The purpose of the campaign was to show that healthy food produced healthy people, while junk food created unhealthy people. Well! With that in mind, we can say that positive thinking or negative thinking will produce positive or negative people. Now there's some food for thought!

Warren Morris never stopped thinking he could hit that homerun, even when the pressure was at its worst. We, too, have the ability to do great things, if first we would see it through our mind's eye.