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Planning for Environmental Protection in Offshore Oil Drilling and Production Industry

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This work summarizes the types and environmental negative effects of offshore oil drilling and production wastes. These wastes include production chemicals, drilling fluids, production and formation waters, heavy metals, salt, petroleum hydrocarbons, air pollutants, nuclear radiation in addition to the acoustic impacts. Damage to the coastal environment has three potential costs to present and future human welfare. Human health may be harmed. Economic productivity may be reduced. The pleasure or satisfaction obtained from an unspoiled environment, often referred to as its "amenity" value may be lost. The present work also discusses the importance of developing comprehensive environmental protection plans and measures to optimize the use of offshore oil resources. Environmental protection plans for offshore oil drilling and production industry may include environmental audits, waste management plans, waste management actions, contingency plans and employee training. Environmental protection measures which can be considered in offshore oil drilling and production are drilling operations, management requirements, planning and phasing, site visits, environmental preparedness, restoration and abandonment completion.

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