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**Statement on the Economic Impacts of the Federal Government’s Proposed Well Control Rule on Lafourche Parish**

*Lafourche Parish President Jimmy Cantrelle issued the following statement today on the results of a study detailing the economic impacts of the federal government’s proposed Well Control Rule for offshore oil and gas development in the Gulf of Mexico. The study found that the extreme costs of the rule put local jobs, government revenue and our national energy supply at risk.*

“With Port Fourchon and hundreds of local businesses that support and service the offshore oil and gas industry, Lafourche Parish plays a vital role in providing fuel for our entire nation. Our residents and small businesses are facing temporary challenges today as a result of global oil prices, but the economic impacts from the proposed federal Well Control Rule would extend and heighten this economic pain for decades to come,” said Lafourche Parish President Jimmy Cantrelle.

“As the study released by the Gulf Economic Survival Team indicates, the rule would significantly reduce offshore energy production in the Gulf, putting thousands of our residents out of work, crippling our local economy, and jeopardizing our local tax revenue and government services, while also risking worker safety. It does not have to be this way, especially when the Gulf has the power to be an economic engine that drives our local and national economy.”

“On behalf of all of our Lafourche Parish residents and businesses, I ask the Interior Administration to seriously consider the significant economic impact of the proposed federal Well Control Rule on communities like ours, and address these issues before moving forward. We can’t afford to take this economic hit, and neither can our country,” said Cantrelle.

*More information about the economic study and the proposed well control rule can be found at [www.GulfEconomicSurvival.org](http://www.GulfEconomicSurvival.org).*

Sincerely,

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Parish President  
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