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**J.M. Leimkuhler,**
Chief Operating Officer
Beacon Offshore EnergyAn Independent's Perspective on Oil and Gas:
Current Trends and Future Implications

Joe will discuss current overall energy trends, the role of oil and gas, and cover his view of the way forward for oil and gas development onshore and offshore for the next generation of engineers.

Joe Leimkuhler is the Chief Operating Officer for Beacon Offshore Energy, located in Houston, Texas and Covington, Louisiana, Joe is responsible for all company engineering and operations. Beacon currently operates six subsea fields and one drilling rig in the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Over the last 37 years, he has worked offshore engineering and operations in a variety of capacities. Prior to February 2019, Joe was the Vice President of Drilling for LLOG Exploration, based in Covington, Louisiana, for more than 7 years. At LLOG, Joe was responsible for all Drilling and Completion Operations, Well Engineering, and external relations. LLOG is the largest private oil producer in the US and the 4th largest offshore producer. Until 2012, when he joined LLOG, Joe worked for Shell, where he was the Offshore Well Delivery Manager for the Americas, including Gulf of Mexico & Venezuela well operations. Prior assignments with Shell included Subsea Development Manager for the Gulf of Mexico, Deepwater Drilling Superintendent on TLP, drillship and semi-submersible well operations. As a researcher and instructor at Shell's Bellaire Research Center in Houston, he taught Shell's drilling engineering classes and led field testing of cutting-edge research applications in cementing and drilling fluids. Prior to Shell, Joe worked for M-I Drilling Fluids in the Wyoming Overthrust belt and ARCO in Offshore Drilling and Reservoir engineering in Bakersfield, California.

Joe graduated from the University of Montana in 1981 with BS degrees in Geology and Forestry. In 1987, he graduated from the University of Wyoming with a MS in Petroleum Engineering.

Joe serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Board for the HWCG Well Containment Group. He chairs the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) Health Safety and Environment committee and is a Director Emeritus for AADE. From 2007 to 2009, Joe served as the National President of AADE. Joe assisted the Presidential Oil Commission on the Macondo incident and has provided multiple testimonies to U.S. House, Senate and Presidential committees. Joe is a 35-year member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He also serves on various university engineering advisory boards focused on petroleum engineering, including leading the UW College of Engineering Advisory Board. In 2011, Joe was awarded Meritorious Service awards from the American Petroleum Institute and AADE. In 2017, Joe was awarded the AADE Lifetime Outstanding Service award, and, in 2019, Joe was awarded the Eminent Engineer Award from the University of Wyoming. Joe and his wife, Stephanie, live in Mandeville, LA. They have two grown children and 7 grandchildren.

