The Gulf Research Program

• A $500 million, 30-year program (until 2043) managed by the National Academies. Funds grants, fellowships, and other activities

• Directed to operate in three areas:
  • Oil system safety
  • Human health
  • Environmental resources

• Directed to work via three mechanisms:
  • Research & development
  • Education & training
  • Environmental monitoring

• Guided by Strategic Vision (2014)

• and 20+ member Advisory Board
Program Initiatives

- Reducing risk in offshore oil and gas operations
- Observation and monitoring for healthy ecosystems and coastal communities
- Planning and action for healthy and resilient coastal communities
- Building capacity to address cross-boundary challenges

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Data Timeline

- Pre-award
  - Data management plans are required for all proposals. I review all DMPs and provide those reviews to the review committee
- Project duration
  - I work with all grantees to identify what data or information products will be generated from the project and where they should be made available
- Post-award
  - Data must be submitted to one of the GRP recommended repositories (under development) within one year of project end date
  - Data catalog will be developed to record and point to locations of all data and information products
Data availability and accessibility

- The GRP will provide data producers with a list of recommended repositories from a variety of disciplines.
  - The GRP Advisory Board recently agreed to a list of repositories that will be contacted to set up agreements to accept GRP data
  - In order for a grantee to submit to a repository not listed they will have to provide a written justification to the grants management team for approval

- The GRP will have a data and information product catalog that will describe and point to all funded projects