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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this article. Chevron drilled its first onshore well in Angola in 1958, and today is Angola's largest foreign oil industry employer. Chevron employs more than 2,900 Angolans – 86 percent of Chevron's workforce in the country.

Protecting people and the environment is a core value at Chevron that guides how we conduct our business. When it comes to our operations in marine environments—whether it is a pipeline, vessel, marine terminal or exploration or production well—taking actions to avoid spills is a top priority. At the same time, being prepared for an oil spill with secondary containment measures and the ability to respond to an emergency situation is an important part of our work. If an oil spill occurs, responding to the incident is our first priority. However, following our response, we analyze what happened carefully and learn from it so we can improve our daily operations and our response efforts.

In all of our operations, we systematically manage our safety, health, environmental, efficiency and reliability. We design, build, operate and maintain our facilities with safety and reliability in mind. For example, all Chevron-operated and chartered vessels carrying crude and petroleum products have double hulls. In addition, our offshore production facilities are equipped with advanced emergency systems to safely and securely shut down production in an emergency situation.

Our ability to take action in case of emergencies is very much a part of our operations. Emergency response teams undergo regular training and drill situations in order to respond safely and rapidly to oil spills and other types of emergencies. We also work with domestic and international industry groups to share resources and what we've learned about how to improve our emergency preparedness and response efforts.

Every year, we conduct spill response exercises at our facilities around the world. Some of these are small-scale tests to confirm we can contain a small spill at a dock or port, for example. Other exercises are large events where we practice responding to a major spill. We practice mobilizing a team to manage the spill and coordinate our efforts with government agencies such as the US Coast Guard. We use a variety of types of equipment. In these large exercises, we look at what we can improve and build it into our overall response plans. In 2009, we conducted a large scale exercise in Thailand and in 2010 we conducted one in the Middle East.

We also carefully track our performance and work to continuously improve our performance. We measure the total number of spills that occur to land and water, the volume of oil spilled and the volume of oil recovered as a part of our response efforts. Because oil spills—whether due to severe weather, natural disasters, material failure or human error—occur accidentally, these numbers can vary substantially from year to year. Over the last ten years, however, our data show we have reduced both the number and volume of spills by more than 50%, and significantly increased the percentage of oil we

recovered from spills. Our spill data is available in our annual Corporate Responsibility Report and on our webpage <http://www.chevron.com/globalissues/corporateresponsibility/2009/chartstables/#b21>

In Angola, we recently announced a \$1.5 million contribution to the Environment Ministry of Angola over the next two years to aid the country's environmental management program. The funds will be used in various ways. Along with supporting education, the funds will help train ministry staff in techniques for analyzing and tracking indicators, such as noise and greenhouse gas emissions.

Chevron launched the Angola Partnership Initiative in 2002. The initiative's goals are to promote peace and stability and improve health and education. It also seeks to help build the capacity of the Angolan nongovernmental organizations and government development agencies and to help reduce poverty through agribusiness and the development of micro, small and medium-size enterprises. Chevron's initial \$25 million investment was matched by \$31 million from partnerships from national and multilateral development organizations. Recent highlights include the following:

- More than 2,040,000 individuals and 70 institutions directly benefited from Chevron and partner programs
- Community engagement projects have occurred in 15 of the 18 provinces in Angola.

For additional information on Chevron's environmental protection practices, I encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.chevron.com/globalissues/environment/>. For more information about our Angola operations, please visit <http://www.chevron.com/documents/pdf/angolafactsheet.pdf>