

This report explains the computer hardware requirements, the instructions for installation, and the descriptive guide for the 2005 Gulfwide Offshore Activities Database System (GOADS-2005). The purpose of developing the GOADS-2005 software is to update the GOADS-2000 software to enhance the operator usability and resultant data quality. The GOADS-2005 software assists users in recording information regarding emissions-related offshore activities and generates computer data files that can be delivered to the MMS. This software is to aid offshore operators in complying with the MMS reporting requirements, as per NTL No. 2004-G17. The emission estimates from this study will help assess the air quality impacts on the Gulf of Mexico Region. The primary difference between the GOADS-2000 and GOADS-2005 is that platform descriptive data as well as the equipment descriptive data only need to be entered once, not every month, which reduces data entry time.

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