



# Outer Continental Shelf National Center of Expertise

## Staff Biographies



### **Mr. Edward "Gene" Sykes, Technical Advisor**

In July 2015, Gene Sykes hired on with the Outer Continental Shelf National Center of Expertise as a Civilian Marine Inspector. He retired as a CWO<sub>3</sub> (Marine Safety Specialist Engineering) with nearly 23 years of USCG Active Duty service. Mr. Sykes has been involved with Offshore Supply Vessel (OSV) inspections since 2010 and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) inspections since 2009.

Prior Marine Safety assignments include Marine Safety Unit Morgan City Civilian Supervisor 2014-2015, Sector New Orleans 2008-2014 (OCS Branch Supervisor, OSV New Construction, OSV Overseas Inspector and Domestic Vessel Inspections) and Sector San Juan, PR 2006-2008 (Port State Control Examiner and Foreign Freight Vessel Examiner).

Operational tours as a Machinery Technician prior to entering the Marine Safety Program include tours at Marine Safety Unit Pittsburgh, PA, Aids to Navigation Team Venice, LA, Aids to Navigation Team New Orleans, LA, TRACEN Yorktown, VA, CGC Vigorous and CGC Alert.

Areas of expertise are Floating Offshore Installations, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Fixed Platforms and Offshore Supply Vessels.