The damages to the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) natural resources due to Gulf of Mexico (GOMOS) would take some time to be cleaned up and the restoration period to get the resources back to their original pre-GOMOS status is still indefinite. In the meantime, the production of goods and services by economic sectors located in the GOM states would be adversely affected leading to possible reduction in the levels of economic activity, employment and personal income, and tax revenues.

In order to understand the magnitude of the potential economic impacts of GOMOS to the Arts, Entertainment and Recreation sector in the coastal counties, multi-year baseline economic information about the sector is compiled from various secondary sources.

The “Arts, Entertainment and Recreation” sector corresponds to economic sector number 71 in the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). The Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation sector includes a wide range of establishments that operate facilities or provide services to meet varied cultural, entertainment, and recreational interests of their patrons. This sector comprises (1) establishments that are involved in producing, promoting, or participating in live performances, events, or exhibits intended for public viewing; (2) establishments that preserve and exhibit objects and sites of historical, cultural, or educational interest; and (3) establishments that operate facilities or provide services that enable patrons to participate in recreational activities or pursue amusement, hobby, and leisure-time interests. (NAICS)

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