The damages to the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) natural resources due to Gulf of Mexico (GOMOS) will 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 will 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 Crude Oil and Gas Extraction industry in Mississippi, multi-year baseline economic information about the sector is compiled from various secondary sources.**

The “Crude Oil and Gas Extraction” sector corresponds to economic sector number 211111 in the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). This U.S. industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in (1) the exploration, development and/or the production of petroleum or natural gas from wells in which the hydrocarbons will initially flow or can be produced using normal pumping techniques or (2) the production of crude petroleum from surface shales or tar sands or from reservoirs in which the hydrocarbons are semisolids. Establishments in this industry operate oil and gas wells on their own account or for others on a contract or fee basis.

**Fig. 1.** Number of Crude Oil and Gas Extraction establishments in Mississippi, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns.

**Fig. 2.** Annual payroll (in dollars) of the Crude Oil and Gas Extraction sector in Mississippi, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns. (Missing Data=Not Disclosed)

**Fig. 3.** Number of paid employees of the Crude Oil and Gas Extraction sector in Mississippi, 2000-2008. Source of data: County Business Patterns. (Missing Data=Not Disclosed)

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