TEMS International is an independent provider of environmental management and compliance services to the global oil and gas industry. Our services are focused on managing and optimising drilling performance and drilling waste in real time, while ensuring an asset remains in environmental compliance. Ultimately, our experienced team aims to reduce drilling costs and ensure legislative compliance targets are met or exceeded.

- > Location: Gulf of Mexico
- > Project date: June July 2019
- > Drilling duration: 47 days
- ➤ Total footage drilled: **7,540ft**
- ➤ Total estimated saving: \$151,425
- Estimated SBM savings: 809 barrels

OUTLINE

An existing client, a US-based independent exploration and production company, contracted TEMS International to support drilling operations onboard a rig in the Gulf of Mexico. The 47-day drilling project commenced in June 2019 and involved approximately 7,500ft of drilling which was overseen by TEMS International engineers.

TEMS International provided its drilling performance management and optimisation, and continuous environmental compliance legislation services during the project. Prior to the project commencing, TEMS International engineers conducted an extensive audit to identify potential issues regarding the containment of drilling fluids, diesel fuel and other hydrocarbons used in the daily operations onboard the rig. These observations were either resolved prior to and during drilling operations, depending on their seriousness, or recommendations made to implement improvements.

The overall aims of the project were to:

- Achieve governmental oil on wet cuttings (OOWC) limitations in line with EPA reporting
- Optimise solids control equipment to deliver maximum solids removal with minimum liquid retention
- Reduce synthetic based mud surface consumption
- Reduce shaker screen consumption
- Minimise environmental impact

SERVICES DELIVERED

Drilling performance management and optimisation

A process approach to drilling performance management that adds value to the entire drilling process. The service aims to ensure more effective and efficient drilling – reducing drilling days – through optimised fluid management and effective solids control management with the overriding proviso of safety and environmental protection.

Continuous environmental compliance legislation

Leading guidance on environmental compliance, prior to and for the duration of a drilling campaign. The comprehensive technical services and environmental consultancy enable well planners to ensure permits are in place, and that drilling operations keep pace with, or exceed, the evolving compliance regulations of drilling locations.

800+	Fewer barrels of mud used
\$151,425	Saved on mud costs
3.91%	Average ROC rate achieved
Spill drills	Introduced to train rig personnel
Carbon footprint	Of drilling asset was reduced