

**AD TEXT:**

Ok, you're gonna love this. Back when George W Bush was President, the Minerals Management Service, or MMS, which is the government agency that regulates the oil industry, was basically run like a cross between a frat party, a wet t-shirt contest, and a candy store.

Almost all the inspectors at MMS were former oil company employees, or close personal friends with the people they were supposed to be inspecting. No conflict of interest there! Many MMS inspectors were former employees of the oil companies they were supposed to be inspecting.

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And lemme tell you about the vibe at MMS: there was also lots of porn watching, private jets, parties with oil company buddies, and drugs! In fact, one of the MMS team may have been high on crystal meth while on the deck of an oil rig during an inspection.

Because nothing says safety .....like crystal meth.

**DOCUMENTATION:**

According to CBS news: "Government officials handling billions of dollars in oil royalties engaged in illicit sex with employees of energy companies they were dealing with and received numerous gifts from them, federal investigators said Wednesday." (<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/09/10/national/main4436263.shtml> )

According to the Huffington Post, detailing a report from the Department of Interior on MMS activities: "To illustrate the cozy relationship between industry and regulators, MMS Lake Charles District Manager Larry Williamson told the IG that many agency inspectors had worked for oil and gas companies and continued to be friends with industry representatives: "Obviously, we're all oil industry," he said. "We're all from the same part of the country. Almost all of our inspectors have worked for oil companies out on these same platforms. They grew up in the same towns. Some of these people, they've been friends with all their life. They've been with these people since they were kids. They've hunted together. They fish together. They skeet shoot together... They do this all the time." ([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/05/25/interior-department-ig-re\\_n\\_588755.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/05/25/interior-department-ig-re_n_588755.html) )

Also, according to the report the Department of the Interior on the MMS behavior from 2005-2007: "The confidential source also informed us that some of the MMS Lake Charles inspectors had pornography or other improper materials saved on their MMS computers. (<http://www.scribd.com/doc/31931019/MMSIGReport> )

According to *The New York Times*, detailing a report from the U.S. Department of the Interior on MMS activities: "And an inspector from the Lake Charles office admitted to investigators that he had used crystal methamphetamine, an illegal drug. Investigators said they believe the inspector may have been under the influence of the drug during an inspection....The investigation....the report also found that at least two employees from the Lake Charles office of the minerals agency had admitted to using illegal drugs during their employment."(<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/25/us/25mms.html?hp=&adxnnl=1&adxnnlx=1274799627-QgTxrG2l8bo3l7wzNZHRBA> )

According to the Huffington Post, detailing a report from the Department of Interior on MMS activities: "One inspector was flown on an oil company plane to the Peach Bowl college football game to watch LSU play the University of Miami. Later, the official emailed his colleagues that "The 40 to 3 ass whipping LSU put on Miami was a lot more impressive in person. My daughter and I had a blast," and "federal employees accepted gifts -- including meals and tickets to sporting events -- from oil and natural gas companies."

Then in 2009, Obama appointee Ken Salazar chooses Sylvia Baca to co-run MMS. Guess where Baca worked for 8 years prior? BP. Yeah, that BP. The company now responsible for one of the most disastrous oil spills in the history of the world.

You can't make this up.

Isn't having a former BP executive heading up the government agency responsible for inspecting BP kinda...I dunno...insane??

President Obama, this mess didn't start with you, but you can end it by shutting the revolving door between corporate and government positions

Cause if we don't I gotta ask you:  
Exactly who's running our country?

In June of 2009, Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar appointed Sylvia Baca as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management According to Baca's biography from the Department of the Interior website: "Baca had been general manager for Social Investment Programs and Strategic Partnerships at BP America Inc. in Houston, and had held several senior management positions with the company since 2001."

(([http://www.doi.gov/archive/bio/baca\\_bio.html](http://www.doi.gov/archive/bio/baca_bio.html) )

The Deepwater Oil spill has so far dumped an estimated 40 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

([http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us\\_gulf\\_oil\\_spill](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_gulf_oil_spill) )This amount of oil makes it the worst oil spill in the history of the United States.

([http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100527/ap\\_on\\_bi\\_ge/us\\_gulf\\_oil\\_spill](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100527/ap_on_bi_ge/us_gulf_oil_spill) )This amount among the top 10 worst oil spills in the world's history. (<http://www.psfk.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/Infographic-The-Worst-Oil-Spills-In-History1.jpg> )