

**GOM<sup>3</sup>****GOM<sup>3</sup> Quarterly Newsletter****2008 End User Conference is December 4**

Each quarter, we update the functionality of GOM<sup>3</sup>. We introduce new capabilities, respond to user suggestions, fix bugs and keep our product current with ESRI's new versions of the ArcGIS suite. Although a few of the enhancements are noted here, check the Update Info section of ESA Help for more information. We are also announcing our 2008 End User Conference. Held since earlier this century in October, this year we have postponed the meeting to December 4, 2008, to be hosted by BP in Houston.



We have completed formal testing of GOM<sup>3</sup> on the ArcGIS 9.3 release and have made required changes. There are bugs, particularly in 3-D, and most importantly in what we hope is the temporary loss of the ability to display 2-D seismic images in a 3-D scene. We introduced this capability at 8.3; 9.0 and 9.1 had the bug, 9.2 solved it – but it's back, though in a different form. Because of the volume of bugs logged generally with this release, an early service pack from ESRI is expected.

Dedicated to expanding 3-D, we have added 3-D, scaled, models of all facilities in the Platform data set. Overall platforms are modeled by structure type, with customized models for deep-water facilities. Rigs, flares, helipads, quarters, etc. are symbolized according to the attributes for each structure.

We would like to thank Kurt Albaugh of BHP for his input and advice with these data.

In 3-D, we've also added a wizard for gridding and contouring OOSA data. If your company is an OOSA member and has the historical file, you may introduce surfaces in 3-D scenes that map mud weights, leak-off test values or formation integrity tests.

After producing a static report on the impact of Hurricane Gustav, we released an experimental system for Hurricane Ike that fed vector and satellite data directly to your desktops, as updated in real time by the National Hurricane Center and NOAA. You can now load this directly through What's New (!). Imagery from two sensors and a composite are available at all times. Work on forecasted storm tracks and probability cones will continue with future storms.

The End User Conference, on December 4, will include a review of major changes we see for GOM<sup>3</sup>, opportunity for user input, papers by users and discussion of development plans for our product. We ask that each client company send only two end users, to make the meeting small enough to meet its goals. An agenda and opportunity to register will be emailed in early November.

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**GOM<sup>3</sup> Calendar**

**2008 End-User Conference  
December 04, 2008**

**Central Sale 208  
March 2009**

