

**Table 10. Summary of Impact of Exploratory Well Drilling on Marine Communities off Florida**

Site D	Site E-1	Site 826Y	Site A	Site C	Site B	Site G4950	Site G3906
<b>Bottom Type</b>							
seagrass, gorgonian hardground	seagrass, gorgonian hardground	limestone bedrock with carbonate sand veneer	coral reef	coarse carbonate sand	coral knoll	limestone bedrock with carbonate sand veneer	limestone bedrock with carbonate sand veneer
<b>Survey Methods</b>							
point counts	radial transects	point counts	point counts, quadrats	point counts	point counts	submersible	submersible
<b>Impact</b>							
pea gravel, cement bags	debris	debris	debris, footprints, anchor scars	debris	debris	debris, grout mound	debris
<b>Observable Ecological Effects</b>							
altered substratum increased fish nos. and diversity	"artificial reef" increased fish nos. and diversity	substratum for settling	substratum for settling; habitat destruction	substratum for settling	"artificial reef"	increased fish nos. and diversity; habitat destruction	increased fish nos. and diversity; damage undetectable
<b>Assessment</b>							
increased biomass due to artificial reef	increased biomass due to artificial reef	minimal	loss of habitat due to destruction of reef	minimal	increased biomass	minimal loss of habitat	minimal