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I am strongly in favor of the MMS adopting the Fourth Edition of API RP14 into the MMS Rules. I am also in favor of the MMS adopting the First Edition of API PR14FZ into the MMS Rules.

I am a practicing professional electrical engineer with over 35 years of experience in the offshore and onshore oil and gas industry. I am a member of the National Electrical Code Panel 14 committee concerning electrical installations in hazardous areas and also a member of the API RP 500, 505, 14, and 14FZ committees. These committees are very much focused on electrical safety in design and installation.

Incorporating the latest editions of API RP14F and API RP 14FZ enhances everyone's goal to provide safer and more easily understood code wording as well as enabling the MMS rules more to more closely align with the code wording and philosophy of the National Electrical Code. All parties gain from this as design and installation practices become more uniform and more economical without compromising safety--in many cases safety is enhanced. By keeping up with the latest available technology and materials, offshore electrical installations can be designed to be more corrosion protected than in the past.

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