

Qualifications – William N. Knecht



Professional Profile:

Bill is a hands-on energy executive with over 23 years of extensive experience in South Texas, and West Texas, Mid-Continent, South Louisiana, Gulf Coast and Gulf of Mexico areas, and the Appalachian Basin. He is well known for his unique blend of cross-functional leadership skills with onshore, shelf and deep-water Gulf of Mexico experience. The strength of Bill's talent is a demonstrated ability to combine team building skills and technology to reduce operating cost and increase production. Bill's diverse background ranges from starting-up new E & P companies to being an executive of a major international company. Employers have included Anadarko, Norcen Explorer, Amax Oil & Gas, and Total. Bill has BS degrees in Geology and in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A & M University.

Major International Company/ Start-up E & P/ Corporate development/ Mergers and acquisitions/ Long range planning/ Cost reduction/ Strategic partnership/ Benchmarking/ Accelerated growth/ Cross-functional team leadership/ Consensus building/ Transition management/ Hands on Engineering

Experience:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Focus/Area</u>
•EIG Resources, LLC	Principal	Upstream/M&A/Unconventional Resource Plays
•TotalFinaElf E&P USA, Inc	Operation Manager - Onshore	Onshore US (tight gas sands), S. Tex., E. Tex., Miss.
•Elf Exploration, Inc	Operation Manager	Deep water Gulf of Mexico Operations
•Norcen Explorer, Inc	V.P. Operations	Gulf of Mexico Shelf Operations
•AMAX Oil & Gas, Inc	Director Operations	Onshore US (tight gas stands) Tex., Ok., N. Mex.
•Texas Meridian Resources	V.P. Production	M&A onshore US Appalachian & Uinta Basins
•Sierra Production Company	Operation Engineer	Exploration Company S. Louisiana
•Anadarko Production Company	Production Engineer	Kansas, Hugoton Basin
•Kirby Exploration & Production	Production Engineer	Gulf Coast, Anadarko Basin

Education / Other:

- Texas A & M University - Bachelor of Science Petroleum Engineering & Geology
- American Petroleum Institute, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Houston Producers' Forum

