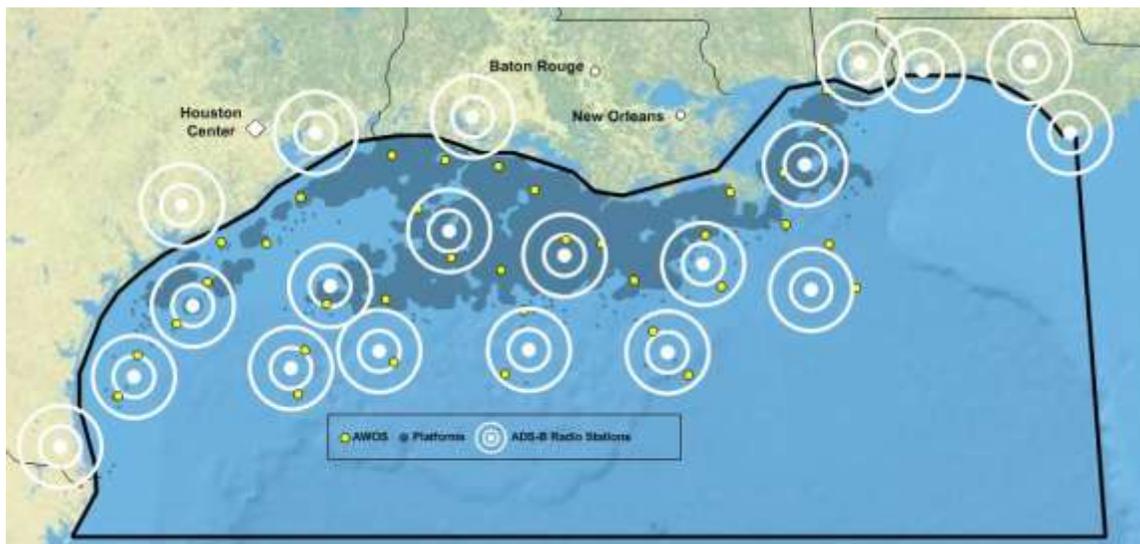


## Attention All Pilots Flying in the Gulf of Mexico Area ADS-B is Coming to Your Area



In September 2009, the FAA will declare initial operational capability for VHF voice communications in the Gulf of Mexico. The initial operational capability determination for ADS-B surveillance services in the Gulf will follow in December 2009. To meet these milestones, the FAA is installing and testing equipment in the Gulf region.

Testing of the ADS-B system is ongoing in the Gulf which will lead to full operational use. In the interim, the system may be taken on and offline to ensure thorough system testing and commissioning. There will be periods where ADS-B Flight Information Services – Broadcast (FIS-B) appears operable, but the system cannot be relied upon until testing is over. When that time comes, in December 2009, the FAA will declare Initial Operational Capability (IOC).

**Pilots should be aware that the system is NOT operational until the declaration of Initial Operational Capability (IOC) is made. Errors in data may occur and pilots should not rely on consistent availability of the FIS-B systems at this time.**

For more information about the FAA's ADS-B program, visit [www.adsb.gov](http://www.adsb.gov).

### Questions?

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