did you know? oil platform vs rig

Friends and family who aren’t in the energy industry will ask, “How was your time on the rig?”

And I have to respond with, “I don’t work on a rig, I work on a platform.”

Both a rig and a platform are absolutely critical to oil and gas production.

You can’t really have one without the other. So, I think people do use those terms interchangeably.

A rig is used to drill through the surface to find oil, gas, and water.

A platform is used to take those fluids, separate them, and produce oil and gas.

So, we do have platforms and rigs that are onshore and offshore.

We have floating platforms. We have fixed platforms.

We may have a jack-up rig. We may have a drillship.

Sometimes we’ll see separate sites where we have a separate rig and a separate production platform.

In other cases, the rig will actually be part of that platform.

They are both so critical to safely and reliably produce oil and gas, which helps to fuel the world’s energy needs.