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MMS Announces Workshop Dates for Proposed Federal Oil Valuation Rule

The Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service is announcing they will hold three public workshops on the supplementary proposed rule for valuing oil produced on Federal lands. The workshops are open to the public without advance reservations. A workshop atmosphere is encouraged with attendees participating in a discussion of the supplementary proposed rule. The proposed rule will be published in the *Federal Register* on December 30, 1999 to allow participants an opportunity to review the rule prior to the first workshop.

The workshops locations and dates are:

Workshop 1: January 19, 2000, Houston, Texas, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Central time;

Houston Compliance Division Office, MMS, 4141 North Sam Houston Parkway, Houston, TX 77032, (281) 987-6802.

Workshop 2: January 19, 2000, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Mountain time;

Bureau of Land Management District Office, 435 Montano Rd., Albuquerque, NM 87107,

(505) 761-8700.

Workshop 3: January 20, 2000, Washington, D.C., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Eastern time;

Department of the Interior, 1849 "C" St. NW, Washington, DC 20240

(South Penthouse Room) (202) 208-3512.

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