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Secretary Norton to Address the Minerals Management Services

Third Annual Industry Awards Ceremony, April 4

Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton will address the winners of the Department=s Minerals Management Service Annual Industry Awards, April 4, 2001, in Houston, TX. The awards program established by MMS in 1999, recognizes the nation=s energy leaders that have distinguished themselves in three categories, safety, stewardship and corporate citizenship.

Secretary Norton will be the first Interior Secretary to address the group and participate in the presentation of awards.

Who: Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton

What: Minerals Management Service=s Industry Awards Luncheon

When: Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Noon: Luncheon

12:30 p.m. Secretary Norton remarks

Where: Westin Galleria

5060 West Alabama

Houston, TX

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