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Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee to Meet In Virginia November 15-16

What	Fall 2005 MMS OCS Policy Committee
When	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 15 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, November 16
Where	Days Hotel and Conference Center at Dulles 2200 Centreville Road Herndon, VA 20170 (703) 471-6700 / (703) 471-8284 fax

The first day of the 2005 Fall meeting of the OCS Policy Committee Meeting will include sessions on the 2005 Energy Policy Act, impacts of the 2004/2005 hurricane season, and MMS regional issues. The second day will include: OCS Scientific Committee update, a congressional update, 5-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2007-2012 update, status report from 5-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program Subcommittee, status report from Hard Minerals Subcommittee and an OCS Policy Committee Roundtable.

Directions to the hotel and the complete meeting **agenda** are available on the BOEM **website**. Reporters are asked to sign in at the registration desk upon arrival at the meeting. Public affairs specialists will be on hand to assist the media.

MMS, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, oversees 1.76 billion acres of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), managing offshore energy and minerals while protecting the human, marine, and coastal environments. The OCS provides 30 percent of oil and 21 percent of natural gas produced domestically, as well as sand used for coastal restoration. MMS collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands, and contributes to the Land and Water Conservation Fund and other special use funds, with Fiscal Year 2004 disbursements of about \$8 billion and more than \$143 billion since 1982.

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