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SOARing Above the Rest: ExxonMobil Nets coveted MMS Award for Overall Excellence

Exxon Mobil Corporation has won another national award for excellence in offshore worker safety and accounting. The Minerals Management Service presented ExxonMobil with the 2003 Safe Operations and Accurate Reporting (SOAR) Award at a ceremony today in Houston, Texas.

ExxonMobil earned the SOAR award for excellence in offshore operational safety and environmental compliance; excellence in mineral revenues payment, reporting and compliance; and for superior partnership efforts with the federal government. The last time ExxonMobil won the prestigious award was in 2002.

"ExxonMobil consistently sets and meets the highest standards, and for the second year in a row, they demonstrated outstanding performance across the board," said MMS Director Johnnie Burton. "In 2003, ExxonMobil successfully merged huge and diverse accounting systems, and exceeded federal requirements for offshore worker safety."

MMS has presented the SOAR award to the best in industry for the past five years.

The Minerals Management Service is the federal agency in the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages the nation's oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in federal offshore waters. MMS also collects, accounts for and disburses mineral revenues from federal and American Indian lands. MMS disbursed more than $8 billion in 2003 and more than $135 billion since the agency was created in 1982. Nearly $1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund annually for the acquisition and development of state and federal park and recreation lands.

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