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**Securing Offshore Oil & Gas Production in 2005 Hurricane Season
MMS to hold Press Briefing on Hurricane Preparedness**

WASHINGTON —With predictions of another very active hurricane season, there is great interest in the impact this could have on oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico – the source of 30% of America's oil and 21 % of America's gas production. The Minerals Management Service is holding a news briefing to describe the hurricane preparedness measures being taken and the partnerships with other agencies and industry to maximize safety and ensure continuity of production.

Who: Tom Readinger, associate director for MMS, Offshore Minerals Management

Chris Oynes, regional director for the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
What: Press briefing to discuss MMS' role in the current hurricane season and provide reporters with contact information in the event of hurricane damage to offshore production facilities and disruption of oil and gas production.

When: Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 1 p.m.

Where: The National Press Club
Zenger Room
529 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC

Call-In Information: 1-888-673-1412

Event Title: "MMS Preparedness for Hurricane Season 2005"

Note to Editors: *Reporters calling in to the news conference are reminded NOT to put their telephone on hold while on the conference call.*

MMS, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, oversees 1.76 billion acres of the Outer Continental Shelf, managing offshore energy and minerals while protecting the human, marine, and coastal environments through advanced science and technology research. The OCS provides 30 percent of oil and 23 percent of natural gas produced domestically, and sand used for coastal restoration. MMS collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands, with Fiscal Year 2004 disbursements of approximately \$8 billion and more than \$143 billion since 1982. The Land and Water Conservation Fund, which pays for cooperative conservation, grants to states, and Federal land acquisition, gets nearly \$1 billion a year.

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