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Earth Day Event Affirms MMS Support of Coastal Restoration throughout the Gulf Coast States

BATON ROUGE — The Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) is holding an event to commemorate Earth Day 2007, during which **MMS Deputy Director Walter Cruickshank** will discuss the agency's support of coastal restoration throughout the Gulf Coast states. The program will include announcements concerning the availability of funding for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program and other MMS - state partnerships working toward coastal restoration.

WHAT: "MMS Affirms Support of Coastal Restoration throughout Gulf Coast States."

Earth Day 2007

WHEN: Monday, April 16, 2007

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: LSU Center for Energy Studies

Louisiana State University

Woods Auditorium

Energy, Coast and Environment Building

Nicholson Drive Extension Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Notes:

Parking is limited but an area will be marked for media parking.

Media wishing to cover the event are requested to contact MMS Public Affairs at (504) 736-2595 to obtain additional information. Advance requests for interviews with Mr. Cruickshank or other MMS staff may also be made at that time.