Media Advisory

U.S. Department of the Interior Minerals Management Service Office of Public Affairs

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT Eileen Angelico, 504-736-2595 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Tuesday, October 9, 2007

MMS to Hold Public Scoping Meeting in Mobile on Environmental Analysis for Proposed Lease Sales in the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS — The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold a public scoping meeting in Mobile, Alabama, on October 11, 2007, to obtain input from the public on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to be prepared for proposed oil and gas lease sales in 2009-2012 in the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico.

What: Scoping Meeting on the Draft SEIS for 2009-2012 oil and gas lease sales

When: Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Riverview Plaza Hotel 64 South Water Street Mobile, Alabama 36602

Why: To help MMS collect information, seek input, and provide an opportunity for the public to suggest the issues, alternatives, and impacts to be considered in the SEIS. The meetings will also inform the public about the proposed sales and the SEIS process.