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Secretary Kempthorne to Discuss New Frontier for Offshore Alternative Energy Development

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne will discuss progress in developing a new alternative energy production program for federal Outer Continental Shelf waters at a news conference on Monday, November 5, 2007 at the Interior Department Headquarters Building.

Joining the Secretary will be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Steve Allred and Director of the Minerals Management Service Randall Luthi. The conference is open to all credentialed media and a moderated conference call will be available for media outside Washington, D.C. to listen to the discussion and ask questions.

Who: Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne

Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, C. Stephen Allred

Minerals Management Service Director Randall Luthi

What: News conference on Offshore Alternative Energy Program

When: Monday, November 5, 2007, 1:00 P.M., Eastern Time

Where: Interior Headquarters, Room 7000 B, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240

Media: News media representatives planning on attending the event, please notify

the Minerals Management Service's Public Affairs at 202-208-3985

Conference Call: Media outside the Washington D.C. metropolitan area may participate in a moderated conference by calling the number below to hear the proceedings and, with operator assistance at the appropriate time, ask questions of the speakers. Call 1-800-857-9037; the passcode is 3905072 after the tone.