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## **MMS to Announce District SAFE Award Recipients**

**NEW ORLEANS** — The Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) will present the 2009 District Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE) to the operating companies selected as recipients for the Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR) at a program in Metairie, Louisiana at the Sheraton Galleria Hotel on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

The District SAFE awards are the highest district honors a company can receive and are presented each year to Gulf of Mexico region offshore operators for offshore safety, environmental protection, and pollution prevention excellence. Awards will be presented in four categories: Production-High, Production-Moderate, Drilling Contractor, and Production Contractor.

WHO: Lars Herbst, MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Director

Mike Saucier, Regional Supervisor for Field Operations, GOMR

**WHAT:** The 2009 MMS District Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE) program.

WHEN: Thursday, April 15, 2010

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Media Availability with MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Director to follow.

**WHERE:** Sheraton Metairie-New Orleans Hotel (near Galleria)

Galleria II Ballroom for award presentations, media availability

Four Galleria Drive

Metairie, Louisiana 70001