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**Deepwater Gulf of Mexico Environmental and Socioeconomic
Data Search and Literature Synthesis
Volume I: Technical Narrative and Volume II: Annotated Bibliography**

OCS Study MMS 2000-049 and MMS 2000-050

The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Deepwater Gulf of Mexico Environmental and Socioeconomic Data Search and Literature Synthesis, Volume I: Technical Narrative and Volume II: Annotated Bibliography*.

This two-volume report consists of a comprehensive search and integration of environmental and socioeconomic data for the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. The deepwater study area is defined geographically as extending from a depth of 1000 ft (305 m) to the border of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone. The general purpose of this program was to gather this deepwater information to describe the ecosystem, understand the environmental processes that drive the system, and understand processes potentially sensitive to anthropogenic activities, particularly oil and gas operations.

The synthesis report (Volume I) summarizes available information by topic and synthesizes it in a framework to describe the deepwater Gulf ecosystem, dominant environmental processes, biologically sensitive pathways, and socioeconomic activities in the area.

The annotated bibliography (Volume II) incorporates existing literature, relevant data, and ongoing research pertaining to geological, physical, chemical, and biological processes of the study area, social and economic data and literature, and deepwater technology.

For more information about this study or the Environmental Studies Program in general, contact the Environmental Sciences Section (MS 5430), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2752.

You can obtain copies of the report from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$30.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 2000-049 and MMS 2000-050. You will be able to obtain this report also from the National Technical Information Service in the near future. Here are the addresses. You may also inspect copies at selected Federal Depository Libraries.

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