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*Physical/Biological Oceanographic Integration Workshop
for the DeSoto Canyon and Adjacent Shelf*

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Physical/Biological Oceanographic Integration Workshop for the DeSoto Canyon and Adjacent Shelf*.

This report contains the results of the Physical/Biological Oceanographic Integration Workshop for the DeSoto Canyon and Adjacent Shelf, held October 19-21, 1999, in Mobile, Alabama. Speakers presented information pertaining to two studies: the *Northeastern Gulf of Mexico Physical Oceanography Program* and the *Northeastern Gulf of Mexico Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Program*. The presentations laid the groundwork for working group discussions and each group's significant conclusions. The members of each working group were asked to use the information syntheses provided by the speakers, combined with their own expertise, to (1) identify the critical components and processes that need to be delineated, measured, and modeled in order to understand the important physical and biological phenomena that occur in the DeSoto Canyon and adjacent continental shelf region; (2) identify significant knowledge and/or data gaps germane to these components and processes; and (3) formulate recommendations for research elements, on the basis of the results from items 1 and 2. These discussions will be used to assist MMS in designing an integrated physical and biological study to complete the *Northeastern Gulf of Mexico Physical Oceanography Program* and the *Northeastern Gulf of Mexico Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Program*.

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 no charge by referencing OCS Study MMS 2000-074. 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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