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Lafourche Parish and Port Fourchon, Louisiana: Effects of the Outer Continental Shelf Petroleum Industry on the Economy and Public Services, Part 1

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Lafourche Parish and Port Fourchon, Louisiana: Effects of the Outer Continental Shelf Petroleum Industry on the Economy and Public Services, Part 1*.

Recent developments in offshore deepwater oil and gas exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico have brought economic benefits to Port Fourchon and Lafourche Parish. Increased economic activity is associated with the provision of onshore support for the offshore petroleum industry. The demands of this growth, however, have meant new challenges for the port and parish communities. The condition of the roads, the volume of traffic, and the current expansion of the water system reflect strains on the infrastructure. Given the influx of new people to meet workforce needs, municipal and parish officials also express concern over the stresses of traffic control, crime prevention, and law enforcement. Public school leaders stress their need for additional multilingual and multicultural teachers.

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 \$10.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 2001-019. 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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