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Modeling the Economic Impacts of Offshore Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico: Methods and Applications

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, Modeling the Economic Impacts of Offshore Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico: Methods and Applications.

The purpose of this study was threefold. First, this effort compiled information on per unit costs associated with a host of different OCS oil and gas activities over a number of different water depths. Second, and most importantly, the research led to the development of industry-specific expenditure profiles for a number of different OCS oil and gas activities, over a number of different water depths. Third, the study developed a general onshore allocation mapping for expenditures, by industry classification, to various Gulf of Mexico coastal communities. This information is required for the MMS's economic modeling effort. The study also presents an overview of past economic impact studies on offshore activities, followed by a discussion of the methods used to estimate offshore industry cost characteristics and impacts.

This report is available only in compact disc format. The discs are available from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$15.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 2003-018. 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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