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*Workshop on Socioeconomic Research Issues for the
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region*

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Workshop on Socioeconomic Research Issues for the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region*.

This proceedings volume summarizes a workshop on the social and economic topics related to the oil and gas industry. The workshop was hosted by the Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) on February 3-5, 2004, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The objective was to provide guidance for studies planning for the next five years. The workshop began with the premise that much has been accomplished during the last decade of MMS socioeconomic research and that it is time to assess future directions of the program. The workshop sought advice, rather than consensus, on key questions, useful analytical approaches, and critical information needs. The two-and-a half day workshop was divided into three parts: a plenary session, breakout groups, and a summary session. The breakout groups focused on three topics: industry trends and dynamics, community-level impacts of oil and gas, and cultural impacts of oil and gas activity.

This report is available only in compact disc format. The disc is available from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$15.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 2005-016. The report may be ordered through the Minerals Management Service's on-line ordering system at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/WebStore/front.asp>. 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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