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Proceedings: 23rd Gulf of Mexico Information Transfer Meeting, January 2005 OCS Study MMS 2005-066

The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Proceedings: 23rd Gulf of Mexico Information Transfer Meeting, January 2005.*

The proceedings from the 23rd Information Transfer Meeting held January 11-13, 2005, in Kenner, Louisiana, are now available. Highlights from the meeting include a joint session with the Louisiana Oil Spill Research and Development Program (OSRADP), the latest advances in deepwater technology, and ongoing results from sperm whale research in the Gulf of Mexico. Results from two major studies, *Northern Gulf of Mexico Continental Slope Habitats and Benthic Ecology Study* and *Effects of Oil and Gas Exploration and Development at Selected Continental Slope Sites in the Gulf of Mexico*, which are nearly complete, were presented in two full-day sessions. Other topics discussed were air quality, physical oceanography, platform ecology, and the oil history project, which is coming to a close. The next Information Transfer Meeting is scheduled for January 2007.

This report is available only in compact disc format from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$15.00, by referencing OCS Study MMS 2005-066. The report may be downloaded from the MMS website through the Environmental Studies Program Information System (ESPIS). 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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