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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a draft multisale EIS on five proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas lease sales in the Central Gulf of Mexico to be held annually from 1998 through 2002. Although this EIS addresses five proposed lease sales, it is a decision document for proposed Sale 169 only. Formal consultation with other Federal Agencies and the affected States, a National Environmental Policy Act review, and opportunities for public input and review will be conducted for each following sale.

You may obtain single copies of the draft multisale EIS from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, LA 70123-2394 or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

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