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From The Arctic to the Caribbean, Oil Spill Film Fest Features Entries From Around the World

Eight countries have submitted films on oil spill clean-up technology for viewing at the film festival that has become a traditional part of the *International Oil Spill Conference*, coming up April 6 – 10, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Films have been submitted in four categories:

Preparedness/Training

New Technology

Response

Effects

Oscar-like statuettes for “Best Video Presentation” will be presented at the conclusion of a lunchtime presentation by the Honorable John Crosbie, Former Canadian Minister of Finance on Thurs., April 10, in the Ball Room of the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Center.

Films will be shown continuously in Room 9 of the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Center.

For more information about the film festival – interviews with producers as well as titles, subject matter or schedule information – contact Nicolette Humphries (Minerals Management Service) on-site at cell phone (202) 320-4405.

MMS is the federal agency in the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages the nation's oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in federal offshore waters. The agency also collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from federal and American Indian leases. These revenues totaled over \$6 billion in 2002 and nearly \$127 billion since the agency was created in 1982. Annually, nearly \$1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the acquisition and development of state and federal park and recreation lands.

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