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MMS Participates in 2007 Workshops on API Interim Hurricane Bulletins

NEW ORLEANS -- The Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) will be participating in the American Petroleum Institute (API) Hurricane Bulletin Workshops in New Orleans, La. and Houston, Texas, this July to present the MMS perspective on the newly released API bulletins. MMS staff will be available to answer questions on the implementation of recent and upcoming Notices to Lessees that incorporate these API Interim Bulletins.

These workshops will allow for an open dialogue on the current recommendations set forth in the hurricane bulletins between industry and the MMS and will concentrate on the design of new offshore structures and the assessment of existing structures.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

July 17, 2007: New Orleans, La.
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. New Orleans Airport Hilton
 901 Airline Drive
 Kenner, LA 70062

July 19, 2007: Houston, Texas
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel
 12400 Greenspoint Drive
 Houston, TX 77060

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