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MMS to Hold Public Scoping Meeting in Baton Rouge on Environmental Analysis for Proposed Lease Sales in the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS — The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold a public scoping meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on October 10, 2007, to obtain input from the public on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to be prepared for proposed oil and gas lease sales in 2009-2012 in the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico.

What: Scoping Meeting on the Draft SEIS for 2009-2012 oil and gas lease sales

When: Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Where: The Woods Auditorium
Energy, Coast & Environment Building, LSU Campus
Nicholson Drive Extension
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Why: To help MMS collect information, seek input, and provide an opportunity for the public to suggest the issues, alternatives, and impacts to be considered in the SEIS. The meetings will also inform the public about the proposed sales and the SEIS process.

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