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**Hydrocarbon Data from Unleased and Selected Leased Blocks
Available for the CGOM and WGOM**

Indicated Hydrocarbon List

A new Indicated Hydrocarbon List (December 1999) will soon be available from the Resource Evaluation Office of the Minerals Management Service. The list identifies unleased tracts in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico that have wellbores with indicated hydrocarbons. It also provides NONPROPRIETARY hydrocarbon information on recently drilled wells on active leases. The Indicated Hydrocarbon List will be made available to the public approximately three months prior to each Gulf of Mexico sale.

The unleased tracts with hydrocarbons in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico are grouped into three classes:

Class F: tracts that were fields or portions of fields that produced.

Class C: tracts that never produced, but had at least one wellbore that contained hydrocarbons of sufficient quantity and/or quality to have met the requirements of 30 CFR 250.11, had the data been submitted by the operator, that is, a wellbore capable of producing hydrocarbons in paying quantities. These blocks are also referred to in MMS bid adequacy procedures as confirmed tracts in most instances.

Class Q: tracts with a wellbore that qualified under 30 CFR 250.11, but did not produce.

Basic information relating to production, wellbores, and pay range for every tract in each class is included in the list. Recently released tracts that were not available for leasing in the previous sale are highlighted.

Nonproprietary well data from recently drilled wells on active leases are included in the Indicated Hydrocarbon List. These wells are grouped into two categories: (1) producing wells, and (2) selected nonproducing wells with indicated hydrocarbons. Basic information relating to production, wellbores, and pay ranges will be included.

Availability of Copies : To obtain a copy of the **Indicated Hydrocarbon List** (digital or hard copy), contact the Public Information Unit of the Minerals Management Service by telephone at (504) 736-2519 or (800) 200-GULF, or by written request to:

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