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Proceedings: 26th Annual Gulf of Mexico Information Transfer Meeting March 2011

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The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Proceedings: 26th Annual Gulf of Mexico Information Transfer Meeting, March 2011.*

BOEM sponsors the Information Transfer Meeting (ITM), bringing together researchers from throughout the United States and internationally to discuss research funded by the Environmental Studies Program and related areas of interest. The ITM is a forum for research and information exchange about the offshore energy industry with regional interest among scientists, staff members, and decision-makers from BOEM, as well as other federal and state governmental agencies, regional industries, research entities, and academia.

Sessions for the 26th ITM included a Plenary Session to hear about events surrounding the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion and oil spill. Additional session topics included Physical Oceanography, Coastal Impacts, Sociology, Marine Archaeology, Deep-Sea Corals, Spill Response Technology, Protected Species Research, Natural Gas Hydrates, Offshore Ecology, Avian Research Design and Monitoring, Shallow Sediment Transport, and Physical Sciences.

This report is available on CD from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, for \$15.00, and free of charge as a pdf file downloaded from the BOEM Website. Copies can also be viewed at selected Federal Depository Libraries. The addresses are listed below.

To order a CD, use the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region contact information below and reference OCS Study BOEM 2012-107. To download a pdf copy, use the <u>Environmental Studies Program Information System</u> (ESPIS) and search on the study report number. In the near future, you will also be able to get this report also from the National Technical Information Service.

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