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# **MMS Adds Hurricane Reporting to the “eWell Permitting and Reporting System”**

## *New Workshop Scheduled*

**NEW ORLEANS** -- The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, will hold two workshops in New Orleans and Houston this June to explain its new electronic hurricane reporting system to oil and gas operators in the Gulf of Mexico.

In June of 2004, MMS developed and implemented the “eWell Permitting and Reporting System” to service the offshore oil and gas industry and to provide a more efficient and effective permitting process for developing our Nation’s offshore energy resources. The eWell system is an Internet-based system designed and built by MMS to perform operational transactions between Outer Continental Shelf operators and MMS District offices.

Since the initial development of eWell, MMS has continued to enhance the system with new features. The impact felt by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita motivated MMS to add a new Hurricane Reporting feature to the existing system. This new feature will incorporate the revised requirements under MMS Form-132, “Hurricane and Tropical Evacuation and Production Curtailment Statistics Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR)” and will give access to the hurricane damage reports, including the Platform, Pipeline, Rigs, and Pollution Reports. This new feature will offer operators an easier and more reliable access to report their production curtailment, evacuations, and damage before and following a storm.

To introduce the new Hurricane Reporting feature, MMS will hold a workshop in New Orleans on June 6 and in Houston on June 8. Mr. Fred Hefren of the Technical Assessment and Operations Support Section and Mr. Bob Lanza of the New Orleans District will give the workshop.

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**Workshop (New Orleans):**

<u>Where:</u>	Minerals Management Service 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd. Room 111 New Orleans, Louisiana 70123
<u>Date/Time:</u>	Tuesday, June 6, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
<u>Cost:</u>	None
<u>Who should attend:</u>	Offshore oil and gas industry managers, supervisors, information technology and regulatory specialists who are responsible for the hurricane-related reporting requirements contained within MMS Form -132. The workshop is open to current eWell users and new applicants.

**Workshop (Houston):**

<u>Where:</u>	Minerals Management Service 4141 North Sam Houston Parkway East Suite 104 Houston, Texas 77032
<u>Date/Time:</u>	Thursday, June 8, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
<u>Cost:</u>	None
<u>Who should attend:</u>	Offshore oil and gas industry managers, supervisors, information technology and regulatory specialists who are responsible for the hurricane-related reporting requirements contained within MMS Form -132. The workshop is open to current eWell users and new applicants.

**Registration Contacts:** Because of limited seating, you must sign up for the workshop by contacting one of the following:

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