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MMS Holds Workshops on New Incident Reporting Rule

New Workshops Scheduled

NEW ORLEANS -- The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, will hold two workshops, one in New Orleans and one in Houston, this July to explain the MMS new incident reporting rule which will be effective Monday, July 17, 2006. The final rule was published on April 17, 2006 (71 FR 19640).

These workshops will allow for the comparison of the previous reporting rule and the current MMS and United States Coast Guard incident reporting rules. Ms. Melinda Mayes of the Accident Investigation Board will lead the workshops.

These workshops do not include information on the Safety and Environmental Management System Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. A separate workshop will be scheduled in the future.

Workshop (New Orleans):

<u>Where:</u>	Minerals Management Service 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd. Room 111 New Orleans, Louisiana 70123
<u>Date/Time:</u>	Tuesday, July 11, 2006, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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 reporting of offshore-related incidents.

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Workshop (Houston):

<u>Where:</u>	Minerals Management Service 4141 North Sam Houston Parkway East Suite 104 Houston, Texas 77032
<u>Date/Time:</u>	Wednesday, July 12, 2006, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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 reporting of offshore-related incidents.

Registration Contacts: Because of limited seating, you must sign up for the workshops by contacting:

Mr. Jason Mathews at (847) 735-0326 or by E-mail to jason.mathews@mms.gov

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