



Media Advisory

U.S. Department of the Interior
Minerals Management Service
Office of Public Affairs

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT
Debra Winbush, 504/736-2597
Caryl Fagot, 504/736-2590

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, November 29, 2006

MMS to Hold Public Hearing in Houston on the Draft Multisale Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Lease Sales in Western and Central Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS —MMS will hold a public hearing in Houston on December 5, 2006 on the Draft Multisale Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for the 11 oil and gas lease sales proposed for the Western and Central Planning Areas of the Gulf of Mexico for 2007 - 2012.

What: Public Hearing on Draft Multisale EIS

When: Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Wyndham Greenspoint, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, TX 77060

Why: The hearing will provide MMS with information that will help in the evaluation of the potential effects of these sales, in the development of appropriate alternatives and mitigating measures, and in the identification of significant issues. Statements, oral and written, will be received at the hearings. Comments may be submitted electronically or by mail no later than January 2, 2007.

The draft EIS is available for review at the MMS website at
<http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/nepa/nepaprocess.html>.

—MMS—

R-06-3588