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MMS to Hold Public Hearing in New Orleans 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 New Orleans on December 6, 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: Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Hampton Inn and Suites Elmwood, 5150 Mounes Street, New Orleans, La. 70123

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/enviro/nepa/nepaprocess.html>.

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