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**NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS AND
SULPHUR LEASES IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

1999 Industry Awards Program and Luncheon

The 1999 Minerals Management Service (MMS) Industry Awards Program and Luncheon are scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2000, at the Hotel Sofitel in Houston, Texas. This is the second year that MMS will honor the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas industry for exemplary safety records and diligence in royalty payments. It is being expanded to include the Secretary of the Interior's Minerals Revenue Stewardship Award. A variety of awards recognize the many facets of offshore oil and gas leasing, operations, and royalty management. The awards are:

- **Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA)**
Recognize Corporation employees for performing an act or service that enhances MMS's ability to meet Offshore or Royalty Management mission objectives. An MMS CORLA recipient must be judged by MMS to have performed an exemplary act or service that helps MMS meet its mission objectives.
- **Corporate Citizen Award (CORCIT)**
Recognize OCS lessees that are outstanding in the areas of offshore operating performance and fiscal responsibility. An MMS CORCIT recipient must be judged by MMS to be among the safest and most committed to timely and accurate financial reporting. Contributions to overall industry performance are considered.
- **Secretary of The Interior's Mineral Revenues Stewardship Award**
Recognize companies committed to timely and accurately filing mineral lease revenue and production reports with MMS's Royalty Management Program.
- **Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE-Offshore Minerals Management)**
The SAFE Program recognizes exemplary performance by oil and gas lessees, operators, and contractors. It also highlights to the public that companies conduct offshore oil and gas activities safely and in a pollution-free manner, even though such activities are complex and carry a significant element of risk. The SAFE Award Categories are as follows:
 - High Activity
 - Moderate Activity
 - Contractor -- Drilling
 - Contractor -- Production

The Contractor Category of the SAFE Award is being expanded this year to recognize *both* drilling and production contractors. The MMS District and Regional personnel will submit nominations for these categories. Eligibility for nominations will be based on the following criteria:

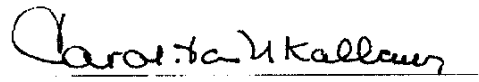
- Actions of the contractor that demonstrate commitment to exemplary safety and environmental management performance. Simply having no accidents is insufficient.
- Results of MMS inspections (number of inspections and Incidents of Non-Compliance involving the contractor).
- Record of incidents (number and severity of accidents, fires, spills >1 bbl, blowouts, and injuries) OCS-wide.
- MMS Headquarters and regional information about a contractor's noteworthy achievements.

Please watch our web site at <http://www.mms.gov/awards>. In coming months, it will have further information on registration, luncheon, and hotel reservations. If you have additional questions, please contact:

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