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

2006 Industry Awards Program and Luncheon

The 2006 Minerals Management Service (MMS) Industry Awards Program and Luncheon are scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at the InterContinental Houston, Houston, Texas. This is the 23rd year that MMS has honored outstanding companies for their exemplary safety and pollution prevention records, and the eighth year for our industry awards program. The following awards will be presented:

■ Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA)

Recognizes industry employees who have performed an exemplary act or service that helps MMS meet its mission objectives.

■ Safe Operations and Accurate Reporting (SOAR)

Recognizes OCS lessees for (combined) outstanding safety performance and timely and accurate royalty reporting.

■ Mineral Revenues Stewardship Award

Recognizes companies committed to timely and accurate filing of mineral lease revenue and production reports with MMS's Minerals Revenue Management Program.

■ Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE)

The SAFE Program recognizes OCS oil and gas facility operators and contractors for outstanding safety and pollution prevention performance. The SAFE Award categories are as follows:

- High Activity Operator
- Moderate Activity Operator
- Drilling Contractor
- Production Contractor

Please log onto our web site to obtain registration information at: http://www.mms.gov/awards/

Contact: If you have additional questions, please telephone Debbie O'Brien at (703) 787-1579.

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