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### **MMS Workshop to Discuss New Guidelines for Archaeological Resource Surveys and Reports**

NEW ORLEANS – The Minerals Management Service will conduct a workshop in Houston Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> on the new agency guidelines for submitting archaeological surveys and reports.

The half-day workshop will be held from 8 a.m. until noon at the Embassy Suites near the Galleria, 2911 Sage Road, in Houston. MMS guidelines require offshore oil and gas operators to submit results of archaeological surveys and reports to the agency. Revised Guidelines go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>.

MMS archaeologists will discuss and clarify changes from previous guidelines issued in 2002 in open forum. Participants are encouraged to fax questions and comments in advance to Mr. Dave Ball at (504)-736-2407 (email [David.Ball@mms.gov](mailto:David.Ball@mms.gov)).

Offshore operators, hydrographic surveyors, environmental consultants, and consulting archaeologists are invited to attend. There is no charge and no advance registration. For more information about the workshop, call Mr. David Ball (504) 736-2859 or visit the GOMR website at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/index.html> at the Upcoming Events link.

MMS, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, oversees 1.76 billion acres of the Outer Continental Shelf, managing offshore energy and minerals while protecting the human, marine, and coastal environments through advanced science and technology research. The OCS provides 30 percent of oil and 23 percent of natural gas produced domestically, and sand used for coastal restoration. MMS collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands, with Fiscal Year 2004 disbursements of approximately \$8 billion and more than \$143 billion since 1982. The Land and Water Conservation Fund, which pays for cooperative conservation, grants to states, and Federal land acquisition, gets nearly \$1 billion a year.

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