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**Protecting the Ocean Environment and Ensuring Safe Operations:
MMS and US Coast Guard Sign Agreement**

In response to a changing ocean industry including heightened interest in liquefied natural gas terminals and increased security requirements, the Minerals Management Service and the U.S. Coast Guard will sign a revised Memorandum of Understanding tomorrow that details how the two agencies will work together to regulate the oil and gas activities on the Outer Continental Shelf.

What: MMS & U.S. Coast Guard Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony

Who: Johnnie Burton, Director, MMS
Adm. Thomas Collins, Commandant, USCG

Where: Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
Secretary's Conference Room (No. 5160)

When: 2:00 – 2:45 pm, September 30, 2004

Please call MMS Public Affairs at (202) 208-3985 to coordinate coverage or to schedule interviews.

The Minerals Management Service is the federal agency in the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages the nation's oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in Federal offshore waters. The agency also collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands. MMS disbursed more than \$8 billion in FY 2003 and more than \$135 billion since the agency was created in 1982. Nearly \$1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund annually for the acquisition and development of state and Federal park and recreation lands.

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