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## Media Advisory

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### **MMS Director Announces First of Multi-Step Process for Oil and Gas Leasing Offshore Virginia**

*Initial information-gathering steps include public comment opportunity*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – On Wednesday, November 12, 2008, Minerals Management Service (MMS) Director Randall Luthi will announce a significant first step in the multi-step leasing process for offshore Virginia. A step that will involve full public involvement and begin the work for an environmental analysis.

Luthi will discuss the announcement in a news media teleconference beginning at 11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**Who:** Randall Luthi, Director of the Minerals Management Service

**What:** Announcement of a first step in leasing process for offshore Virginia

**When:** Wednesday, November 12, 2008: 11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time; 10 a.m. Central Standard Time; 9 a.m. Mountain Standard Time; and 8 a.m. Pacific Standard Time

**Media:** All credentialed news media are invited to participate.

**Conference Call:** News media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial 800-857-9037 and use the passcode 53860. Please provide your name and affiliation to the conference moderator.

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