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MMS Develops Hurricane Web Page

Agency Creates Central Location for Quick Access to Hurricane-Related Information

WASHINGTON – To mark the beginning of Hurricane Season 2007, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS), today activated a web site that brings together extensive hurricane-related information and resources. The web site is designed to help describe and explain the preparations in advance of this hurricane season and the improvements instituted since Hurricane Season 2005, when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita cut a destructive path through the Gulf of Mexico and surrounding land mass region. The enhancements reinforce MMS's emphasis on supporting personnel safety, enhancing environmental protection, and improving the nation's energy security.

The website will be updated throughout the season with all available information regarding hurricane activity related to Gulf of Mexico energy operations.

In addition to information in many subject areas ranging from safety and personnel evacuations to environmental studies and technological improvements, the web site will also contain a section of historical hurricane data, a selection of photographs, statistics on the status of energy resources in the Gulf, and a list of hurricane-related terms, definitions, and fact sheets.

The site may be accessed at: <http://www.mms.gov/2007Hurricane/2007HurricaneSeason.htm>

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