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MMS Director Randall Luthi to Announce Significant Milestone in the Coastal Impact Assistance Program Involving the State of Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS — The Minerals Management Service (MMS) Director Randall Luthi will announce a significant milestone in the Coastal Impact Assistance Program involving the State of Louisiana at a news conference on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at the St. James Boat Club, Airline Highway 61, Paulina, La.

Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco and members of the Louisiana congressional delegation have been invited to participate in the announcement.

Who: MMS Director Randall Luthi

What: News Conference on Coastal Impact Assistance Program

When: Thursday, November 29, 2007, at 11:00 a.m.

Where: St. James Boat Club

Airline Highway 61

Paulina, LA

Media: News media representatives planning on attending the conference, please notify the Minerals Management Service's Gulf of Mexico Public Affairs Office at 504-736-2595.

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