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MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Names Two to Management Positions

New Appointees Will Bring More Than 50 Years of Federal Energy Experience

NEW ORLEANS — Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico Region Director Lars Herbst announced the appointments of two staff members to management positions in the regional office in New Orleans, Louisiana.

John Rodi has been appointed to the post of Deputy Regional Director; second highest position in the regional office. Rodi has worked for MMS for 27 years in the energy policy field. He began his career as a staff economist and later worked as a leasing specialist. Most recently, he served in the position of Leasing Program Manager. Rodi holds a BA degree in Economics from Tulane University and an MA degree in Economics from the University of New Orleans.

“John’s wealth of experience in the leasing program will be helpful as we continue to manage the Gulf of Mexico’s OCS oil and gas resources and move forward into our newest mission of Alternative Energy,” Herbst said.

Mike Prendergast has been named Chief of Staff. Mike has been with MMS for 24 years. After receiving his BS degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, he started with MMS as a reservoir engineer in the Reserves Section. He has subsequently held several positions related to energy development and resource assessment throughout his MMS career.

“Mike’s valuable background in resource evaluation and his past experience in the Regional Director’s Office will be extremely helpful as we tackle future challenges,” Herbst said.

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