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MMS Appoints New Leasing Program Manager

NEW ORLEANS — The Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico Region is pleased to announce the appointment of Meryl T. Andry as Leasing Program Manager, Office of Leasing and Environment. Andry will be in charge of leasing policy, planning, adjudication and sales for the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic offshore areas.

Ms. Andry is a native of New Orleans. She earned a BA from Loyola University and a JD from Loyola University College of Law. She has worked in private practice in the field of oil and gas law and has also worked with Shell, Dominion, and more recently, with XTO Energy, Inc.

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