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MMS Discusses Preparations for 2009 Atlantic Hurricane Season

NEW ORLEANS — Minerals Management Service (MMS) officials will lead a media teleconference on Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m. CDT. Preparations for the 2009 Atlantic Hurricane Season will be discussed as well as new guidance concerning mobile offshore drilling units and recovery efforts from the 2008 hurricane season.

WHO: MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst

Rear Admiral Joel Whitehead, U.S. Coast Guard 8th District

WHAT: Media teleconference on preparations for 2009 Atlantic

Hurricane Season. Discussions will focus on preparations for upcoming season and recovery efforts from the 08 hurricane

season.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 19, 2009: 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time;

1:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time; 12:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time; and 11:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

MEDIA: All credentialed news media are invited to participate.

CONFERENCE CALL: News media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should dial 888-942-9262 and use the password Hurricane Season. Please provide your name and affiliation to the conference moderator.

See Page Two for names of other staff participating.

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Other staff participating:

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