

Technological Advances

MMS keeps pace with today's technology to ensure oil and gas production is conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner. Some of MMS's recent regulatory advancements led to the OmniMAX anchor, which has a 360 degree loading capability; the use of pre-set polyester moorings for deepwater drilling rigs; improvements to a mooring system for floating production systems; and an emphasis on various forms of subsea boosting, including pump systems that allow enhanced hydrocarbon resource recovery.

Audits and Compliance

In Fiscal Years 2005–2007, MMS completed 1,080 audits and, through the audit process, collected an additional \$231.3 million as well as \$4,484,100 in civil penalties. Also during this period, MMS conducted 5,126 compliance reviews and collected \$141.9 million through this review process.

For the past five years, as part of its annual independent review, MMS consistently has received highly favorable audit opinions from professional auditing organizations.

Renewable Energy Program

With the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, MMS was given authority to develop renewable energy projects such as wave, wind and current energy on the OCS.

Through this new program, MMS will grant leases, easements and rights-of-way for orderly, safe and environmentally responsible renewable energy project activities and alternate uses of existing facilities on the OCS.



The Minerals Management Service

The History of MMS

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) was created on January 19, 1982, underscoring the importance of the offshore oil and gas industry to our Nation's energy future. Its creation came nearly 30 years after two milestone Acts were passed by Congress – the Submerged Lands Act and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act – and 28 years after the first OCS lease sale was held.

MMS has become our Nation's leader in offshore energy development and the collection of royalties on behalf of the American Public.

MMS employs world-class biologists, physicists, geologists and engineers. If you want to join this dynamic organization, please visit www.mms.gov

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People Promoting Energy, the Economy, and the Environment

The Minerals Management Service

The Minerals Management Service (MMS), part of the Department of the Interior, is a key Federal agency that is helping to secure America's energy future and quality of life through effective oversight of offshore energy production and mineral revenue collection, both on and offshore.



An agency of about 1,700 people in 20 locations across the U.S., MMS has two primary programs: Minerals Revenue Management (MRM) and Offshore Energy and Minerals Management (OEMM).

The MMS manages energy and mineral development in over 1.71 billion offshore acres of Federal land called the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and annually disburses to the U.S. Treasury and the American public an average of \$13 billion in minerals revenue.



Diverse opportunities for engineers, scientists, biologists, auditors, and analysts exist throughout

the MMS organization, particularly in Offshore Energy and Minerals Management and Minerals Revenue Management.

Offshore Energy and Minerals Management

From OCS waters in Alaska, the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, the MMS regulates the production of about 14 percent of the natural gas and 27 percent of the oil produced in the United States. Deep water exploration and development is perhaps the most significant area of innovation in offshore energy production.

The MMS is responsible for development of the 5-year OCS leasing program to ensure leasing, exploration, development, and production is conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

In the complex world of managing energy exploration and development on the nation's OCS, the MMS carries out its mission by employing the best scientists, engineers, and inspectors. The MMS also funds advanced scientific studies and enforces the highest safety and environmental standards. The OEMM workforce totals about 900 people in about 90 different professions.



Our scientists coordinate oceanographic research involving underwater archaeology, sea ice conditions in Alaska, deep-sea chemosynthetic communities, ocean currents, and marine mammals, among other scientific achievements.

The MMS has funded more than \$800 million in environmental studies and about \$20 million in studies evaluating safe offshore operations and technology.

Minerals Revenue Management

Through the Minerals Revenue Management (MRM) program, the MMS collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian leases. Since its inception in 1982, MMS has disbursed approximately \$200 billion to Federal, state and American Indian accounts.



MMS makes every effort to ensure citizens receive the best value for the development of minerals on Federal lands. One of the highlights of that endeavor is the Royalty in Kind program. The program generates revenues by receiving its oil and gas royalties in kind (in the form of product), rather than in cash, and competitively selling the commodities in the marketplace. During Fiscal Year 2007, RIK generated an additional \$63 million in benefits for the U.S. Treasury.

MRM is headquartered in Washington, D.C., but operates primarily out of the Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado, and includes about 500 Federal and more than 100 contract employees.

While most of these employees are accountants and computer experts, MRM also hires engineers, geoscientists, physical scientists, technicians, auditors, economists and administrators.