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MMS Recognizes 16 in Energy Industry for Corporate Leadership

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) today announced the recipients of the 2005 Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA). MMS presents the CORLA awards annually to individual energy industry leaders who perform an act or service that enhances the agency's mission objectives.

"The 2005 hurricane season posed unprecedented challenges to the offshore industry and MMS. This year's CORLA winners truly provided MMS with the professionalism, cooperation and support essential to the success of our offshore and minerals revenue management programs," said MMS Director Johnnie Burton.

The 2005 CORLA recipients will be recognized at the MMS Industry Awards Ceremony in Houston, Texas on April 25, 2006. Those interested in attending the ceremony may register online at: <http://www.nbc.gov/onlinemms/industryawards.cfm>.

2005 MMS Corporate Leadership Award Winners:

T. David Bond, Chevron North America E&P -- Extraordinary leadership and cooperation leading to the successful completion of complex alternative valuation agreements;
Ricky Allan Britt, Chevron USA -- Outstanding leadership, enthusiasm, and cooperation in assisting MMS with onsite inspection initiatives, fostering regulatory compliance, and support of personnel safety;
Molly Conrad, Crazy Mountain, Inc. -- Outstanding cooperation, on behalf of EnCana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc., with both MMS and the Bureau of Land Management, resulting in more timely and accurate production reporting;
J. Keith Couvillion, Chevron USA Inc. -- Primary contributor and advocate in the resolution of lease management issues and potential OCS use-conflicts;
Linda J. Gilmer, BP America Production Company -- Exceptional responsiveness in resolving offshore compliance and audit issues, assisting MMS in meeting its strategic compliance goals;
Gregg H. Falgout, Island Operating Co., Inc. -- Outstanding leadership and professionalism in supporting the safety of personnel in the offshore oil and gas industry and promoting regulatory compliance;

George “Doug” Foster, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. -- Proactive leadership on rig safety programs, and exceptional competency and professionalism in working with MMS inspectors;

Merrill Jacobs, Clean Seas, LLC -- Extraordinary contributions and leadership in the areas of oil spill prevention and response in the Pacific OCS Region;

Morris LaRubbio, Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LP -- Invaluable contributions to MMS’s development of an electronic bid prototype, which enhanced the efficiency and accuracy of the Royalty in Kind (RIK) gas sale process;

Daniel May, Enterprise Products Operating, LP -- Outstanding support of RIK oil operations, particularly the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Program, to ensure prompt and accurate invoicing;

Robert J. Moore, Cinergy Marketing & Trading, LP -- Invaluable contributions to the Bureau of Land Management’s successful helium recovery and to MMS’s onshore natural gas marketing program;

Wesley S. Morgan, Rowan Company, Inc. -- Exceptional leadership, professionalism, and commitment in the support of personnel safety and promoting regulatory compliance;

Michael Watters, Shell Pipeline -- Exemplary advice and insight to MMS on oil RIK issues, supporting the success of the RIK program;

Tamica Whorton, Enterprise Products Operating, LP -- Outstanding support of MMS’ RIK oil operations, contributing to the success of the strategic petroleum reserve program;

Pam Williams, Shell Exploration and Production Company -- Proactive communication and cooperation, instrumental in assisting MMS in achieving its compliance strategy objectives;

Clyde Self, Wood Group Production Services -- Implementation of a training program for new and current employees entitled “Guidance for Regulatory Inspections in the Gulf of Mexico”.

MMS, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages offshore oil and gas exploration as well as renewable and alternative energy sources such as wind, wave, and solar on 1.76 billion acres of the Outer Continental Shelf while protecting the human, marine, and coastal environments. The OCS provides 30 percent of oil and 21 percent of natural gas produced domestically, and sand used for coastal restoration. MMS collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands, and contributes to the Land and Water Conservation Fund and other special use funds, with Fiscal Year 2005 disbursements of approximately \$9.9 billion and more than \$153 billion since 1982.