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The Minerals Management Service to Meet with Key Regional Offshore Renewable Energy Stakeholders

Two Meetings Set for Salem, Oregon

WASHINGTON – The Interior Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS) has invited key regional stakeholders from Oregon, Washington, and California, including federal, state and local government agencies, environmental groups, academia, and industry, to participate in meetings on the development of the renewable energy program on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The meetings will be held in Salem, Oregon on October 16 & 17, 2006.

What: Media Availability following Offshore Renewable Energy Stakeholder Meeting

Who: Maureen Bornholdt, Program Manager, Renewable Energy Program

When: October 16, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Salem Conference Center 200 Commercial Street SE Salem, OR 97301

A media availability will be held following the meeting on October 16, 2006. Media will be asked to register at the site and may contact John Romero at (805) 389-7533 for further details.

The MMS received authority for the OCS Renewable Energy Program <u>under Section 388 of the</u> <u>Energy Policy Act of 2005</u>. Through this authority, the MMS will regulate renewable energy projects of existing oil and gas platforms on the OCS.

The stakeholder meetings will provide invitees an opportunity to share valuable experiences and relevant knowledge with the MMS on renewable energy of OCS facilities and will contribute to the MMS fact-finding efforts under Section 388.

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