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Minerals Management Service To Hold New Jersey Information Meeting on the Proposed 2007-2012 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program

WASHINGTON – The Interior Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold an information meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey on November 13, 2006 to discuss the Proposed 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2007-2012 and accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Both an afternoon and evening session will be held to accommodate work schedules.

What: Information Meeting on Proposed 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas

Leasing Program for 2007-2012

When: Monday, November 13, 2006

Afternoon Session: 2:00-5:00 p.m. Evening Session: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel, Two Miss America Way,

Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

Why: The Secretary of the Interior committed to an information meeting to be held in NJ if acreage in the Atlantic was included in the Proposed 5-Year Program. MMS has

scheduled this information meeting to discuss the Proposed Program. The Proposed Program and DEIS were published in the Federal Register on August 25. The comment

period for the Proposed Plan is open until November 24 and for the DEIS until November 22. Both documents are available for review on the mms website at

http://www.mms.gov/5-year/.