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MMS Announces Preparations for Hurricane Season 2007

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) is holding a joint press conference with the Department of Energy, the U.S. Coast Guard, and API to discuss the status of preparations for the upcoming hurricane season. The discussions will include initiatives to maximize safety, strengthen environmental safeguards, and support the continuity of production during the 2007 Hurricane Season, among other topics.

WHAT: 2007 Hurricane Season Press Conference

WHO: Mr. Walter Cruickshank

Deputy Director, Minerals Management Service

Mr. Alex de Alvarez, Deputy Director

Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy

Rear Admiral Wayne Justice

Director of Enforcement and Incident Management, U.S. Coast Guard

Mr. Red Cavaney, President

API

WHEN: Wednesday, May 30

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Department of the Interior

Yates Auditorium 1849 C St., NW

Washington, DC 20240

NOTE: Media outside the Washington D.C. metropolitan area are encouraged to participate in the conference by calling the number below to hear the proceedings and, at the appropriate time, ask questions. **Call-In Information** 1-800-369-3368, passcode is 9263465