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MMS Announces the International Workshop on Coatings for Corrosion Protection: Offshore Oil and Gas Facilities, Marine Pipelines & Ship Structures

This notice announces that MMS will hold the International Workshop on Coatings for Corrosion Protection: Offshore Oil and Gas Facilities, Marine Pipelines & Ship Structures on April 14-16, 2004 to be held at the Imperial Palace Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi.

The Colorado School of Mines is organizing this international Workshop on behalf of the MMS and the other co-sponsors to include the American Bureau of Shipping, National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Association of Corrosion Engineers, Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety, Society for protective Coatings, The National Association of Pipe Coating Applications and major oil and gas companies. International recognized marine coating experts, material specialists, coating manufacturers, maintenance engineers and designers will participate. Industrial, university, environmental specialists, regulatory, and standardization and certification leaders will provide a breadth of knowledge and experience relative to coating use and applications.

This workshop working groups will undertake complete assessment of opportunities for research and development of coating practice, coating materials, application, repair, non-destructive evaluation, and extended coating life prediction. This workshop will define the state-of-the-art for coatings, assess the current practices and its limitations, discuss field experiences and chart a course for better corrosion protection methodologies for offshore structures, pipeline and ship structures, including sensing and monitoring. This workshop will conclude with the clear identification of research and development issues and will create a roadmap for achieving them. The workshop will produce an archival record of the proceedings.

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