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BOEMRE Approves \$1 Million Grant for Mississippi Water Project

CIAP Grant Will Improve Water Quality, Fund New Connections to Residential Structures

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) announced today that it has approved a grant for \$1,014,991.50 to the State of Mississippi through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) for the first project of a multi-phase coastal county initiative.

Grant funding for this initial phase of the project will go towards the installation of new sewer connections in a Gulfport, Miss. residential subdivision. The project will install and complete the connection of 110 residential structures to a new sanitary sewer system, eliminating the use of faulty septic tanks and the possibility of water contamination.

“We will continue to work with the State of Mississippi in its vital coastal restoration efforts,” said BOEMRE Director Michael R. Bromwich. “Supporting essential conservation and construction initiatives like the Mississippi Gulf Coast Waste Water Complementary Project is another example of the ways in which our ongoing partnership is benefiting Mississippi’s coastal communities.”

This is the first geographic area to be covered under this larger multi-phase initiative which will improve water quality in impaired and compromised bodies of water in the Mississippi coastal zone.

CIAP will receive \$250 million in appropriated funds for each of the Fiscal Years 2007-2010 to be disbursed to six eligible Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas producing states – Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

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