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MMS SETS CLEVELAND WORKSHOP  
ON NEW FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY RULES (#40001)

The U.S. Interior Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS) will conduct a workshop in Cleveland January 11 on new requirements for financial responsibility for operators of offshore oil facilities. The new, higher requirements are mandated by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90). MMS has issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) to enforce the act.

The Jan. 11 meeting is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. at Cleveland's Marriott Society Center, 127 Public Square. It will conclude at 5 p.m.

The workshop is designed to afford all interested parties a chance to give their opinions on the contents and structure of a proposed rule to be drafted and issued later this year. Similar sessions have already been held in New Orleans, Houston and San Francisco. Another is tentatively set for Anchorage, though no date has yet been selected. Officials are considering one or more workshops in additional locations.

Press kits will be available at the meeting.

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