

FOR RELEASE: May 23, 1997

**Public Hearings on the Draft Multisale EIS For Proposed Central Gulf of Mexico  
OCS Lease Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182**

The MMS will hold three public hearings to receive comments on the draft multisale EIS. The hearings will provide the MMS with information that will help in the evaluation of the potential effects of the proposed lease sales, in the development of appropriate alternatives and mitigating measures, and in the identification of significant issues.

**LOUISIANA:**

**HOUMA on June 23, 1997; 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Plantation Inn  
1381 West Tunnel Boulevard  
Houma, Louisiana

**NEW ORLEANS on June 25, 1997; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Minerals Management Service  
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Conference Room 111  
Jefferson, Louisiana

**ALABAMA:**

**MOBILE on June 26, 1997; 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Adam's Mark Hotel  
64 South Water Street  
Mobile, Alabama

If you wish to testify at a hearing, you may register beginning one hour prior to the meeting. Speakers will be limited to 10 minutes. Each hearing will recess when all speakers have had an opportunity to testify. If there are no additional speakers, the hearing will adjourn immediately after the recess. Written statements submitted at a hearing will be considered part of the hearing record. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may submit written statements until July 22, 1997. Send written statements to the Regional Director (MS 5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394.

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