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**Secretary Norton to Help Dedicate World's Largest
Floating Offshore Oil Platform**

(INGLESIDE, Texas) – Interior Secretary Gale Norton will join officials of BP at a ceremony Saturday to dedicate the world's largest and most advanced floating oil platform, which will be used to tap into a huge reservoir of oil and gas 150 miles off the coast of Texas in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Thunder Horse platform is about 50 percent larger than the next largest floating production semi submersible in the world and includes more than 100 technological advancements that will allow it to process 250,000 barrels of oil and 200,000 million cubic feet of natural gas per day – enough to provide the daily energy needs for 6.5 million American households.

Who: Interior Secretary Gale Norton
Minerals Management Service Director Johnnie Burton
BP America President Ross Pillari

What: Dedication of Thunder Horse platform.

When 9 a.m. CST, Saturday, Feb. 26

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