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**Oceanic Gas Hydrate Research and Activities Review**

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new report, Oceanic Gas Hydrate Research and Activities Review.

The report is an overview of gas hydrate research with particular emphasis on the activities within the MMS. The document describes gas hydrates and answers the questions: What are they? Why do people care about them? What type of research should MMS be funding? A brief summary of the activities in other agencies and around the world is also given. This document is valuable to anyone interested in the current status of hydrate research within MMS.

For more information about this study or the Environmental Studies Program in general, contact the Environmental Sciences Section (MS 5430), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2789.

You can obtain copies of the report from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$5.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 2000-017. You will be able to obtain this report also from the National Technical Information Service in the near future. Here are the addresses. You may also inspect copies at selected Federal Depository Libraries.

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