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Effect of the Oil and Gas Industry on Commuting and Migration Patterns in Louisiana: 1960-1990

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Effect of the Oil and Gas Industry on Commuting and Migration Patterns in Louisiana: 1960-1990*.

The oil and gas industry comprises a very important part of the history and economy of coastal states in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) region. In Louisiana, the strong impact of the oil and gas industry on revenues and employment is explained by the amount of production and by oil prices, with the latter affecting the revenue and employment structure more strongly after 1974. This report studies the effect the oil and gas industry had on commuting and migration patterns in coastal and noncoastal areas of Louisiana from 1960 to 1990. It covers commuting networks and commuting distance, and trend and level patterns of migration; and it quantifies factors and establishes models for predicting commuting and migration patterns.

During the period 1960-1990, the number of commuters increased four-fold from 104,485 to 412,605. Additionally, the 11 coastal parishes of Louisiana received more commuters than the State's 53 noncoastal parishes combined. Commuters tended to travel from noncoastal parishes to coastal parishes and over the years commute distances increased.

The migration patterns in coastal and noncoastal areas are similar, although the proportion of migrants in the coastal areas peaked during the period 1965-1970, whereas the peak for the noncoastal areas occurred during the period 1975-1980. Migration rates between coastal and noncoastal areas never differed by more than 2 percent.

This report is available only in compact disc format. The discs are available from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$15.00 by referencing OCS Study MMS 2002-072. The report is available in its entirety at the Regional website, www.gomr.mms.gov. 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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