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*Estimated Oil and Gas Reserves  
Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, December 31, 2001*

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As of December 31, 2001, about 4.03 billion barrels of petroleum liquids (both oil and natural gas condensate) and about 24.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas were estimated to exist as "remaining proved reserves" in 922 proved active fields of the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf. This report, *Estimated Oil and Gas Reserves Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, December 31, 2001*, indicates an increase of about 1.03 billion barrels of liquid (oil and gas condensate) and a decrease of 0.3 trillion cubic feet of gas in remaining proved reserves as compared with the December 31, 2000, estimates. New proved field discoveries account for an increase of 0.10 billion barrels of liquid and 0.9 trillion cubic feet of gas.

Unproved reserves as of December 31, 2001, have been estimated to be 2.22 billion barrels of oil and 4.1 trillion cubic feet of gas. These reserves include unproved reserves from proved and unproved active fields. There are 57 unproved active fields. In summary, there are 992 active fields located in Federal waters.

Proved reserves are estimated to have been 16.51 billion barrels of oil and 172.0 trillion cubic feet of gas from 1,086 proved fields under the Federal submerged lands in the Gulf of Mexico. Included in this number are 164 fields that are depleted and abandoned; not included are the 57 unproved active fields. As of December 31, 2001, cumulative production from these 1,086 fields was 12.48 billion barrels of oil and 147.7 trillion cubic feet of gas.

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The next report, *Estimated Oil and Gas Reserves Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, December 31, 2002* is scheduled to be available in late December 2004.

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