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**Assessment of Conventionally Recoverable Hydrocarbon Resources
of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf**

as of January 1, 1995

OCS Report MMS 99-0034

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of **OCS Report MMS 99-0034**, *Assessment of Conventionally Recoverable Hydrocarbon Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf as of January 1, 1995*, on CD-ROM (CD). This study delineated 72 plays, of which 52 comprise the Gulf of Mexico Cenozoic Province, 9 comprise the Gulf of Mexico Mesozoic Province, and 11 comprise the Atlantic Mesozoic Province. These 72 plays account for a mean total endowment of nearly 26 billion barrels of oil (Bbo) and 300 trillion cubic feet of gas (Tcfg). Of this mean total endowment, approximately 11 Bbo and 123 Tcfg are undiscovered resources. Moreover, nearly 80 percent of these undiscovered resources are projected to occur in the Gulf of Mexico.

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