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***Mica Shipwreck Project: Deepwater Archaeological Investigation  
of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Shipwreck in the Gulf of Mexico***

**[OCS Study MMS 2006-072](#)**

The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Mica Shipwreck Project: Deepwater Archaeological Investigation of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Shipwreck in the Gulf of Mexico*.

This report presents the findings of a study that was conducted to evaluate the historical significance of a 200-year-old, copper-clad shipwreck in the Mississippi Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico. The objectives of this study were (1) to determine the extent and limits of the site; (2) to obtain a sample of diagnostic artifacts in order to identify the temporal period of the shipwreck and its mission at the time of its loss; (3) to determine the type of ship and, if possible, its country of origin, and the reason for its loss; and (4) to understand the relationship of the vessel's construction to its function.

This report is available only in compact disc format from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$15.00, by referencing OCS Study MMS 2006-072. The report may be downloaded from the MMS website through the [Environmental Studies Program Information System \(ESPIS\)](#). 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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