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Estimated Oil and Gas Reserves Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, December 31, 2005

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new report, *Estimated Oil and Gas Reserves, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, December 31, 2005*.

This report presents estimated proved reserves, cumulative production, remaining proved reserves, and unproved reserves as of December 31, 2005. Proved reserves were estimated to be 19.80 billion barrels of oil and 181.8 trillion cubic feet of gas from 1,196 in proved fields under the Federal submerged lands in the Gulf of Mexico OCS. Included in this number are 245 fields that were depleted and abandoned; not included were 56 unproved active fields. Cumulative production from the 1,196 proved fields was 14.61 billion barrels of oil and 163.9 trillion cubic feet of gas.

The remaining proved reserves were estimated to be 5.19 billion barrels of petroleum liquids (both oil and natural gas condensate) and about 17.9 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in 951 proved active fields of the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This report indicated an increase of about 0.37 billion barrels of liquid (oil and gas condensate) and an increase of 0.2 trillion cubic feet of gas in remaining proved reserves as compared with the December 31, 2004, estimates.

Unproved reserves were estimated to be 3.23 billion barrels of oil and 8.4 trillion cubic feet of gas. These reserves include unproved reserves from proved and unproved active fields. There were 56 unproved active fields. In summary, there are 1,007 active fields located in the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

This report, along with supporting digital data, may be downloaded from the MMS Gulf of Mexico website. A compact disc containing this report, digital data, field production plots and field production is also available at a charge of \$15.00. For information on purchasing this report contact:

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The next report, *Estimated Oil and Gas Reserves Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf, December 31, 2006* is scheduled to be available in July 2009.

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