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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region, announces the availability of a new study report, *Proceedings: 25th Annual Gulf of Mexico Information Transfer Meeting, January 2009*.

In meeting its mission to manage energy and mineral resources on the OCS, MMS administers an Environmental Studies Program (ESP) to gather and synthesize environmental and social and economic science information to support decisionmaking concerning the offshore energy program.

Toward this effort, MMS sponsors the biannual Information Transfer Meeting (ITM), bringing together researchers from throughout the United States and internationally to discuss research topics funded by the ESP and related areas of interest to MMS. The ITM provides a forum for research and information exchange relative to the offshore energy industry.

Sessions for the 25th ITM included Sand and Gravel, Deepwater Benthic Habitats, Hurricanes, Seafloor Disturbance, Climate Change, Air Quality States Issues, Socioeconomics, Hydrates, Coastal Impact Assistance Program, Air Quality, Platform and Hard Bottom Ecology, Alternative Energy, and Marine Archeology.

The next Information Transfer Meeting is scheduled for January 2011.

This report is available only in compact disc format from the MMS, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at a charge of \$15.00, by referencing OCS Study MMS 2009-051. 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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