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MMS Helps Read Across America. George Triebisch reads a Dr. Seuss book to Herndon Elementary School Students March 2, in celebration of Read Across America Day, celebrated annually on the birthday of Dr. Seuss. MMS has a long-standing educational partnership with the Herndon, Virginia school. MMS employees tutor and mentor HES students and have credited hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of grocery store receipts, box tops points, and product labels to HES promotional accounts used to purchase computers and other school supplies. MMS also donated surplus computers and office supplies to the school in the last several years. In return, the school has provided student choirs and ensembles for MMS functions.

MMS, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, oversees 1.76 billion acres of the Outer Continental Shelf, managing offshore energy and minerals while protecting the human, marine, and coastal environments through advanced science and technology research. The OCS provides 30 percent of oil and 23 percent of natural gas produced domestically, and sand used for coastal restoration. MMS collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands, with fiscal year 2004 disbursements of around \$8 billion and more than \$143 billion since 1982. The Land and Water Conservation Fund, which pays for acquisition of state and federal park and recreation land, gets nearly \$1 billion a year.

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