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**MMS to Hold Follow-Up Workshop After Successful Implementation of New “eWell Permitting and Reporting System”**

(NEW ORLEANS) – Almost a year after successfully implementing the new “eWell Permitting and Reporting System”, the Minerals Management Service will hold a workshop in Houston, on March 23, 2005 to provide additional guidance and allow users a chance to provide suggestions about the system.

In June of 2004, MMS developed and implemented eWell to service the offshore oil and gas industry and to provide a more efficient and effective process to develop our nation’s offshore energy resources.

eWell is an Internet-based system designed and built by MMS to perform operational transactions between Outer Continental Shelf operators and MMS District offices. These electronic transactions will replace a manual system where operators used written forms developed by MMS and then sent them by mail to the District offices.

The workshop will be given by Mr. Bob Lanza of the New Orleans District and Ms. Althea Hall of the Information Technology Division, along with Mr. Steve Kennedy of the Technical Data Management Section.

**Workshop:**

<u>Where:</u>	Minerals Management Service 4141 North Sam Houston Parkway East Suite 104 Houston, Texas 77032
<u>Date/Time:</u>	Wednesday, March 23, 2005, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
<u>Cost:</u>	None
<u>Who should attend:</u>	Offshore oil and gas industry managers, supervisors, information technology and regulatory specialists who are responsible for requesting approvals from MMS or conducting any MMS-regulated business on the OCS. The workshop is open to current users and new applicants.

After the workshop, MMS will assist new applicants in obtaining the proper security information and scheduling training classes to learn how to use the system. The training classes are planned as two-day courses during April and May of 2005.

**Registration Contacts:** Because of limited seating, you must sign up for the workshop by contacting one of the following:

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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.

**Relevant Web Sites:**

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