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**Thirteen Companies Named Finalists
in MMS' Annual Safety Awards For Excellence Competition**

Thirteen offshore companies who showed outstanding commitment to safety in 2004 are being recognized as finalists in MMS' Safety Awards for Excellence competition.

"Offshore oil and gas activities are being conducted with ever-improving levels of safety, and this year's SAFE finalists are helping to further raise the standard of safety," said Johnnie Burton, Director of MMS. "I look forward to honoring the SAFE finalists along with all the MMS Industry Award winners in Houston in April."

Established in 1983, the annual SAFE Awards recognize and honor Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas operators and contractors which make concerted efforts to train and motivate their employees to conduct offshore operations in a safe manner. The awards are presented in four categories – High OCS Activity, Moderate OCS Activity, Drilling Contractor, and Production Contractor.

Winners in each category will be announced at an awards luncheon to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, at the Hotel Intercontinental Houston. Registration information is available by calling: Debbie O'Brien at 703-787-1579 or Valerie Russ at 703-787-1548.

The 2004 SAFE categories and finalists (in alphabetical order) are:

High OCS Activity	Moderate OCS Activity
ChevronTexaco Corp.	Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
ExxonMobil Corp.	Eni Petroleum Co., Inc.
Nexen Petroleum USA Inc.	EOG Resources, Inc.
Noble Energy, Inc.	Magnum Hunter Production, Inc.
	Remington Oil and Gas Corp.
Drilling Contractor	Production Contractor
Diamond Offshore	C&D Production Specialists
Rowan Companies, Inc.	KBR Production Services

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's collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands, with Fiscal Year 2004 disbursements of approximately \$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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