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Socioeconomic Profiles

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BOEM Information Need:

- Information organized at the level of county aggregations (BOEM-defined impact areas) will support Gulf Region socioeconomic assessments for EIS's and EA's and for Coastal Zone Management consistency findings.
- The analysis of spatial relationships, population and population change, environmental factors, and OCS-related infrastructure will support the assessment of cumulative impacts by identifying non-OCS factors that drive much of these relationships.
- By assessing the OCS-related risked environment, this study will also support environmental justice analysis mandated by Executive Order 12898.

Date Information is Required:

As soon as possible within current and near-future budget reality

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Background:

A) Relationship with Previous Work/Efforts

This effort would expand upon an earlier BOEM sponsored study beyond its original Environmental Justice framework:

 Environmental Justice Considerations in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana MMS 2003-038



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Background:

B) Relationship with Concurrent/Future Efforts

This effort will also further broaden and expand a BOEM sponsored study set to be published this year. It will analyze Gulf of Mexico coastal communities (beyond Louisiana) through a Post-Macondo, Post-Katrina lens. This soon-to-be-published study that built upon the 2003 study is titled:

 Environmental Justice: A Comparative Study in Louisiana BOEM 2013-xx



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Study's Objectives:

The overall goal is to further GOMR socioeconomic assessments by developing a better understanding of relationships between coastal populations and OCS-related onshore support. This study will:

- 1. Describe and map recent changes (i.e., post 2005) in Gulf Coast populations and assess the causes of these changes,
- 2. Describe and map onshore OCS-related support infrastructure and the risks associated with it,
- 3. Assess, at multiple geographic levels, the relationships between these risks on subsets of the population, and
- 4. Develop a robust and efficient method/model for the analysis of potential OCS-related impacts to environmental justice in the GOMR.







Study's Methods:

- Incorporate relevant information from publicly available government, NGO, and industry reports, trade and academic journals, etc.
- ✓ Synthesize BOEM- and USGS-supported Gulf Region research re:
 - onshore OCS support industries and infrastructure
 - communities and community resiliency
 - the socioeconomic consequences of the OCS industry, hurricanes, and the DWH oil spill
- Build on previous BOEM-supported geo-spatial analyses of the relationships among populations, onshore infrastructure, and risk
- Conduct a review of infrastructure types to determine incremental changes to their associated risked environments that are generated by new OCS sale-related demands
- Develop a tool for estimating OCS lease sale-related potential impacts to coastal populations

Source: www.worldfishingnetwork.com

Tentative Ranking: 9

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