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Minerals Management Service to Hold Public Hearing on Long Island

*Agency to Address Draft Environmental Impact Statement for
OCS Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Program*

WASHINGTON – The Interior Department’s Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold a public hearing in Melville, New York on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 to solicit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Program. Statements on the DEIS, both oral and written, will be recorded at the hearing.

What: Public Hearing on OCS Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Program

Who: Maureen Bornholdt, Program Manager, OCS Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Program

When: April 25, 2007, 7 p.m.

Where: Melville Marriot Hotel
1350 Old Walt Whitman Road
Melville, New York

The Draft Programmatic EIS focuses on potential alternative energy development that may be initiated in the next 5-7 years as well as potential alternate uses of offshore facilities in the same time frame. MMS released the draft EIS on March 20, 2007, and is accepting written comments on the document through May 21, 2007. The public may view and submit comments on the draft EIS at: ocsenergy.anl.gov.

MMS received authority for the OCS Alternative Energy and Alternate Use Program under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (mms.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy/EPAct2005Sec388.pdf.) Under this authority, MMS will regulate alternative energy projects and alternate use of facilities on the OCS.

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