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The Minerals Management Service to Meet with Key Offshore Alternative Energy Stakeholders

Media Availability Set for West Long Branch, NJ

WASHINGTON – The Interior Department’s Minerals Management Service (MMS) has invited key regional stakeholders from the Northeast, including federal, state and local government agencies, environmental groups, academia, and industry, to participate in a meeting to discuss development of the alternative energy program on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). MMS will hold a media availability in conjunction with the meeting in West Branch, New Jersey on January 24, 2007.

The MMS received authority for the OCS Alternative Energy Program [under Section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005](#). Through this authority, the MMS will regulate alternative energy projects and alternate uses of existing oil and gas platforms on the OCS.

The stakeholder meeting will provide invitees an opportunity to share valuable experiences and relevant knowledge with the MMS on offshore alternative energy and will contribute to the MMS fact-finding efforts under Section 388.

What: Media Availability following Offshore Alternative Energy Stakeholder Meeting

Who: Maureen Bornholdt, Program Manager, Alternative Energy Program

When: January 24, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Monmouth University
Samuel Hayes Magill Commons
West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Media will be asked to register on site and may contact Nicolette Nye at (703) 623-9082 for further details.

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