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**Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) of Federal Oil, Gas, and Sulphur Leases in
the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)**

The MMS 2010 National Safety Awards for Excellence (SAFE) at OTC

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will present the National SAFE Awards at an OTC luncheon on May 6, 2010. These prestigious awards have been presented annually since 1983, making this the longest continuous Federal awards programs of its kind. The SAFE Awards recognize outstanding safety and pollution prevention performance by the offshore industry in four categories:

- drilling contractor,
- production contractor,
- high activity operator, and
- moderate activity operator.

The selections are based solely on objective performance criteria – inspection and incident data normalized for exposure levels - and specific input from MMS district and regional offices.

At the OTC SAFE luncheon, MMS will also present Corporate Leadership Awards to outstanding individuals whose exceptional performance has raised the bar for safety achievement, improved environmental protection, enhanced resource recovery and conservation, or inspired innovation and outstanding performance by others.

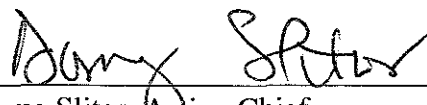
For more information on these awards, see <http://www.mms.gov/awards/> or contact Debbie O'Brien (703-787-1579 or deborah.obrien@mms.gov) or Doug Slitor (703-787-1030 or doug.slitor@mms.gov).

Guidance Document Statement: The MMS issues NTLs as guidance documents in accordance with 30 CFR 250.103. This NTL is informational and provides details about the 2010 Industry Awards Program and Luncheon. This program promotes safe and environmentally sound operations by publicly honoring outstanding companies for their exemplary performance in the arenas of safety and pollution prevention.

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