



## **MMS to keep regional headquarters in Metairie**

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**by The Associated Press**

NEW ORLEANS - The Minerals Management Service, the federal agency that manages offshore leases, agreed today to keep its regional office for the Gulf of Mexico in the New Orleans area for the next 15 years.

The office has been located in the city since the agency, an arm of the Interior Department, since it was created in 1982. It is housed in Metairie and has about 600 employees and contractors.

The MMS said the lease extension with Elmwood Towers would include updates to the office. •

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