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## MMS Appoints New Senior Staff Geophysicist

*Brinkman will coordinate seismic activity compliance for all MMS regions*

**NEW ORLEANS** – Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst has announced the appointment of Ron Brinkman as the Senior Staff Geophysicist in the Resource Evaluation Office.

Brinkman will oversee seismic compliance and policy issues for the Alaska, Gulf of Mexico and Pacific MMS Regional Offices. In this new position, he will facilitate communication and coordination on seismic approvals and environmental compliance.

“Ron Brinkman has earned a well-deserved reputation as an expert in seismic activity. His valuable technical experience in seismic permitting, data acquisition and environmental compliance will be beneficial to the permitting process for geological and geophysical activities throughout the MMS Regions,” said Herbst.

Brinkman has been with the Federal Government for nearly 32 years. He began his Federal career in 1977 with the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1982, Brinkman was hired as a Staff Geophysicist with the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region where he has worked in several different areas of the Resource Evaluation Office. He is widely regarded as a seismic issues expert within the geophysical community, having acquired over 25 years of seismic permitting experience.

Brinkman earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics with a minor in Earth Sciences from the University of New Orleans in 1973.

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