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GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

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**NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL, GAS, AND SULPHUR
LEASES AND PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS IN THE OUTER
CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

Gulf of Mexico Region Adjudication Office Open for Business

Effective Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 8:00 a.m., the Adjudication Office of the Gulf of Mexico Region will resume the receipt of mail, telephone calls, and emails at its 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard location in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Public access to the Adjudication Office located in New Orleans will resume on Thursday, October 20, 2005, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Because of construction at the building site, several new requirements to ensure the safety of all visitors will be enforced.

- All visitors are required to sign in with the receptionist in the lobby of the 1201 Elmwood Park building and must be escorted by Adjudication Unit staff into the Adjudication office for business.
- Entrance to the building is restricted to the South side (K- Mart side) of the building. No access or egress will be allowed on the North side.
- Visitors must park on the South side of the building.
- The restriction of visitors to the first floor will continue as always.

Our customers may experience delays in actions that are approved by the Adjudication Unit because of workload issues and the backlog of work already received since the closure of the office as a result of the hurricanes.

We also advise customers that the new fee schedule recently published in the *Federal Register* will not be implemented until January 1, 2006. It is not necessary to remit new fees at this time.

We appreciate your patience over these recent weeks as well as in the near future as we progress toward the resumption of normal operations in this office. For further information, you may contact Steve Waddell at 504-736-1710.