

## **BOEMRE Reorganization Workshop will be held on September 19, 2011**

As you know, during the past fourteen months we have implemented necessary and urgent reforms in the offshore oil and gas regulatory system. Now, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) is poised to complete the structural reorganization of the former Minerals Management Service (MMS). On October 1, 2011, BOEMRE will be replaced by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE).

BOEM will be responsible for managing the exploration and development of the nation's offshore resources in a way that appropriately balances economic development, energy independence and environmental protection. BSEE will be responsible for the enforcement of federal safety and environmental regulations pertaining to offshore energy development.

Throughout the reorganization process, our goal has been to effectively separate the multiple missions of the former MMS with minimal disruption to operations. We also want to make the transition to these two new bureaus as seamless and transparent as possible. It is with this goal in mind that I invite you to send a technical expert to participate in a workshop in New Orleans on September 19, in which our staff will discuss the new organizational structure and functions, as well as the steps we have taken to ensure a continuity of operations. We will also offer breakout discussions to walk through the details of how BOEM and BSEE will handle processes that involve both bureaus, including exploration and development plans and permits, enforcement and inspections, and environmental review, including the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) process.

Because space is limited, we ask that only technical staff attend this closed-press event.

Details regarding our September 19 meeting follow. Please RSVP to [frances.shepherd@boemre.gov](mailto:frances.shepherd@boemre.gov) **no later than Friday, September 9** with the name, email address, and title of your organization's technical expert who wishes to attend. Note: Attendees have the option to attend two breakout sessions during the workshop. Please indicate which two topic areas your representative prefers with your RSVP. We will confirm workshop assignments by Friday, September 16.

Very truly yours,

Michael R. Bromwich

What: Technical Workshop Regarding BOEMRE Reorganization

When: September 19, 2011

- 1:00 p.m.      Group Session
- 2:30 p.m.      Breakout Session #1
- Interagency Processes for Plans & Permitting
  - Interagency Processes for Enforcement & Inspections
  - Interagency Processes for Environmental Review, including the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) process
- 3:30 p.m.      Breakout Session #2
- Interagency Processes for Plans & Permitting
  - Interagency Processes for Enforcement & Inspections
  - Interagency Processes for Environmental Review, including the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) process

Where:            Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement  
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