

On Thursday, July 22, 2010, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a hearing entitled, "Offshore Drilling: Will Interior's Reforms change Its History of Failed Oversight?" The hearing will examine issues surrounding the Department of the Interior's oversight of offshore oil drilling, including issues regarding the reorganization of the Minerals Management Service (MMS). The hearing will also examine how the reorganization of MMS, now known as the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement, will improve the oversight of the offshore oil and gas industry. In May, Chairman Towns [opened the committee's investigation into the serious lapses in oversight and regulatory failures at MMS](#) in the years leading up to the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

The hearing will take place at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

[To watch a webcast of the hearing, click here](#)

The witnesses scheduled to testify include:

Panel I

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary  
United States Department of Interior

Mr. Michael Bromwich  
Director  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

Panel II

Mr. Frank Rusco  
Director, Natural Resources and the Environment  
United States Government Accountability Office

Ms. Mary L. Kendall  
Acting Inspector General  
Office of Inspector General  
United States Department of Interior

Ms. Danielle Brian  
Executive Director  
Project on Government Oversight

The Honorable Charlotte Randolph

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