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Energy Industry Champions Honored by Minerals Management Service

From royalty reporting to decommissioning procedures and from gas sales to worker safety, the Minerals Management Service will honor energy industry professionals on April 27 at its annual awards celebration in Houston.

Winners of the MMS Corporate Leadership Award work in many capacities in the energy industry and win the award for performing an act or service that enhances the MMS mission of securing ocean energy and economic value for America.

Winners are nominated by MMS employees who have first-hand knowledge of the recipients' exemplary on-the-job performance. The award honors individuals in the energy industry who excel in their work, care about the environment and meet their fiscal responsibilities.

"The winners of the Corporate Leadership Awards come from many aspects of the energy workplace, from providing excellence in safe and environmentally sound operations to ensuring timely and accurate accounting," said MMS Director Johnnie Burton.

"When an individual employs such a high level of professionalism, the standard is raised for everyone. MMS is honored to present this award for corporate excellence to no less than 30 energy industry champions this year."

Following are the winners of the MMS Corporate Leadership Award for 2003:

- **John Borne, Sr., Eagle Consulting, LLC**
Exemplary leadership, planning and contributions that have been instrumental in developing effective field operations policies and for assisting industry in obtaining and maintaining compliance with MMS regulations.
- **George W. Butler III (awarded posthumously), ChevronTexaco**
Strong industry representation, contributing key insights to Federal oil and gas valuation workshops and for unwavering professionalism and diplomacy in developing solutions wherein all parties benefit. The MMS was saddened by Mr. Butler's sudden on October 4, 2003.
- **Clifton Butler, ChevronTexaco**
Enthusiastic and energetic leadership of an inspection team that works to ensure platform safety and regulatory compliance.
- **Robert Cagle, Rowan Companies, Inc.**

Outstanding initiative and leadership in maintaining safe and environmentally sound offshore operations.

- **Jim Cook, J.M. Huber Oil and Gas Division, and Rickey Giroir, Wood Group Production Division**

Outstanding commitment to the development of impact data related to decommissioning activities.

- **George Edwards Jr., Exxon Mobil Corporation**

Ensuring high standards in Federal and Indian oil and gas royalty reporting and for contributing to MMS's timely and accurate distribution of mineral receipts in excess of \$253 million paid by Exxon Mobil in fiscal year 2003.

- **William Gist, Lee McMillan, Maurice Mitchell, and Pat Clynes, BP Energy Company, "Texas Desk"**

Exceptional advice and commercial assistance to MMS in the integration of natural gas scheduling and transportation into its Gulf of Mexico sales program and for ongoing excellent responsiveness on logistical support arrangements for offshore Texas royalty-in-kind natural gas sales.

- **Bill Grady, Ashworth Leininger Group, and C. Blake Hebert, Exxon Mobil Production Company**

Exemplary leadership and contributions to the successful completion of the Offshore Power System Repair Project.

- **Jeff Harris, Lockheed Martin**

Outstanding leadership in the development of a joint Bureau of Land Management/Minerals Management Service work group formed to develop specialized computer protocols and for coordination of a steering committee for developing online methods of conducting business.

- **Debbie Jones, Bois D'Arc Offshore Ltd.**

Exceptional responsiveness in resolving royalty audit issues expeditiously and fairly leading to increased compliance which has helped MMS achieve a key goal of contemporaneous audits and reviews within a three-year timeframe.

- **Charlotte Krecow, Howell Petroleum Corporation**

Exemplary production reporting accuracy to MMS in the processing of more than 50,000 production report lines in fiscal year 2003 and for quickly resolving all issues at key points in the process, thereby improving the accounting process both for Howell and for MMS.

- **Paul McKim and David Medeiros, Deep Marine Technology**

Invaluable assistance to the MMS Historic Preservation Program by donating equipment and personnel used to examine shipwreck sites in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

- **Chuck Morelli, Shell Trading U.S. Company**

Exceptional technical and commercial information to MMS in the design of efficient and effective crude oil transportation and exchange strategies that have led to the successful implementation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Initiative for the U.S.

- **Millie Myers, Exxon Mobil Corporation**
Exceptional accuracy in the reporting of production information in fiscal year 2003 and for consistent and timely updates of Exxon Mobil's system data, aligning with government data and for efficient processing of production reporting.
- **Kevin Piper, Baker Engineering & Energy**
Outstanding initiative in organizing, planning, and developing software that allows offshore operators to achieve MMS offshore safety and compliance objectives.
- **Annette Prewitt, Diamond Offshore**
Exceptional leadership, professionalism and commitment in the aggressive support of personnel safety and for promoting and achieving regulatory compliance.
- **Philip Reed, Pacific SEAT**
Outstanding training assistance to MMS which has greatly contributed to the knowledge of engineers and inspectors, particularly in the area of pipeline safety.
- **Donald Sands, Devon Energy Corporation**
Exceptional leadership, enthusiasm and cooperation in assisting MMS with onsite inspection initiatives and fostering safe operations and compliance.
- **Ron Sweatman, Halliburton**
Outstanding leadership and efforts in assisting MMS and industry in the development of key compliance standards.
- **Malcolm Taylor, ChevronTexaco Global Trading**
Outstanding technical advice and commercial assistance to MMS in development of a commercial Gulf of Mexico crude oil logistics program and advancement of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Initiative for the U.S.
- **James Thomas, Rita Randall, Bette Smart, Morris Miller, IBM Business Consulting Services (Contractor for BP America Production Co.)**
Setting and maintaining high standards in Federal and Indian oil and gas royalty reporting and for assuring MMS's timely and accurate distribution of mineral receipts in excess of \$348 million paid by BP America Production Co. in fiscal year 2003.

The Minerals Management Service is the Federal agency in the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages the nation's oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf in Federal offshore waters. MMS also collects, accounts for and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands. MMS disbursed more than \$8 billion in 2003 and more than \$135 billion since the agency was created in 1982. Nearly \$1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund annually for the acquisition and development of state and Federal park and recreation lands.

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