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MMS Recognizes Companies for Safety Excellence

NEW ORLEANS – The Interior Department’s Minerals Management Service announced today the 2008 District Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE) winners for the Gulf of Mexico Region. The SAFE Program recognizes those operating companies that conduct their operations in a safe manner, adhering to all regulatory requirements, employing trained and motivated personnel, and enhancing safe operations.

“The MMS Gulf of Mexico Region is focused on having the safest and most environmentally sound operations on the Outer Continental Shelf,” said MMS Regional Director Lars Herbst. “We take great pride in recognizing those companies that choose to be safety and environmental leaders, setting the example for others to follow.”

The 2008 SAFE award winners for each MMS Gulf of Mexico District are the following:

DISTRICT	PRODUCTION-HIGH	PRODUCTION-MODERATE	DRILLING CONTRACTOR	PRODUCTION CONTRACTOR
New Orleans	BP Corporation North America Inc.	Murphy Exploration & Production Co. – Medusa Spar	ENSCO International Company	Grasso Production Management
Houma	BP Exploration & Production Inc.	Energy Partners, Ltd.	Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. <i>Ocean Endeavor</i>	Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, Inc.
Lafayette	Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.	None	Transocean Inc.	Quality Production Management
Lake Charles	Devon Energy Production Company, L.P.	Seneca Resources Corporation	Rowan Drilling Co., Inc. <i>Rowan Louisiana</i>	Wood Group Production Services
Lake Jackson	Exxon Mobil Corporation - Hoover Spar	None	Rowan Drilling Co., Inc. <i>Rowan Bob Palmer</i>	None

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The SAFE award program was established by MMS in 1983 to recognize and honor companies that make a concerted effort to train and motivate their employees to conduct offshore operations in a safe and environmentally sound manner. The agency recognizes two categories for production: high OCS activity and moderate OCS activity. Drilling and production contractors with exemplary OCS performance are also recognized. Winners are selected by each District office on the basis of their safety performance and compliance with applicable regulations within the District during the rating period.

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