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MARY BOATMAN
Oceanographer, Environmental Sciences Branch

Dr. Boatman is an oceanographer in the Environmental Sciences Branch of the Environmental Division in Herndon, VA. She serves as a Contracting Officer's Technical Representative for a number of Environmental Studies Program contracts related to fates and effects, alternative energy issues, and methane hydrates in the Gulf. She is currently working on several projects including planning of the Virginia Workshop. She has a Ph.D. in chemical Oceanography from Texas A&M University.

MAUREEN BORNHOLDT
Program Manager, Offshore Alternative Energy Program

Maureen A. Bornholdt is responsible for developing the new program and regulatory regime covering outer continental shelf alternate energy resources for the Minerals Management Service. Prior to this appointment, she served as the Marine Minerals Program Manager. In that capacity Ms. Bornholdt managed the development of OCS marine minerals resources and oversaw leasing of Federal sand for use in repairing damaged shorelines and protecting critical military installations, National parklands, and billions of dollars of infrastructure. She has extensive experience in environmental regulation and compliance having worked offshore oil and gas issues for the Department of the Interior since 1983. Ms. Bornholdt has served as the MMS's technical expert on Coastal Zone Management and National Environmental Policy Acts and as the program analyst covering offshore environmental and regulatory issues for the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

VICTOR CARILLO
Vice Chair, OCS Policy Committee

Mr. Victor Carrillo serves as chairman of the OCS Advisory Committee to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. This committee advises the Secretary by reviewing and commenting on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development and protection of OCS lands.

Commissioner Carrillo leads the state agency that oversees the Texas energy sector -- the oil and gas, pipeline and surface mining industries. Commissioner Carrillo has bachelors and masters degrees in Geology. He earned his law degree from the University of Houston. He is a Texas licensed attorney and geoscientist. He was recently named to the America's Energy Coast Honorary Leadership Council – a group educating the public on the national importance of the energy producing states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. He formerly served as Vice Chairman of the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission. He is on the Board of Advisors of the *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas & Energy Law* at the University of Texas School of Law.

Mr. Carrillo joined the Texas Railroad Commission in 2003 when Texas Governor Perry appointed him to fill the unexpired term of Tony Garza who became U.S. Ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Carrillo served as Chairman of the agency from September 2003 through September 2005. He was also Chairman of the Governor's Texas Energy Planning Council that created a comprehensive energy plan for the State of Texas. In 2004, Commissioner Carrillo received almost four million votes and won statewide election for Railroad Commissioner for a six-year term through 2010.

JAMES CIMATO
Acting Chief, Environmental Sciences Branch

Mr. Cimato is a senior staff analyst currently Acting Environmental Sciences Branch Chief. He is responsible for developing MMS-wide policies and procedures governing the formulation and implementation of the Environmental Studies Program. As an Oceanographer within the branch, Mr. Cimato coordinates many of the fates and effects studies within MMS and the Coastal Marine Institute program. He worked in the private sector in oil pollution prevention research before joining the Offshore Program in 1975.

RODNEY E. CLUCK
Representing Alternative Energy
Recently-selected Chief, Environmental Sciences Branch

Dr. Cluck holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Mississippi State University and a Masters Degree in Rural Sociology from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. For 6 years he served as the Headquarters' Social Scientist for the MMS/Environmental Division and then joined the Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs and was the Project Manager for the United States' first offshore wind facility. Dr. Cluck was recently selected as the Chief of the Environmental Sciences Branch and will report for duty November 10, 2008.

ELMER P. DANENBERGER, III
Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs

Mr. Elmer "Bud" Danenberger has the responsibilities for safety and pollution-prevention research, engineering support, operating regulations, and inspection and enforcement programs. He earned a B.S. degree in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering and a Masters degree in Environmental Pollution Control, both from Pennsylvania State University. He has been employed as an engineer in the Department of the Interior's offshore oil and gas program since 1971. He served as a staff engineer in the Gulf of Mexico regional office; Chief of the Technical Advisory Section at the headquarters office of the U.S. Geological Survey; District Supervisor for MMS field offices in Santa Maria, California, and Hyannis, Massachusetts; and as Chief of the Engineering and Operations Division at MMS headquarters.

MICHAEL (MIK) ELSE
Petroleum Engineer, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs,
Engineering & Research Branch

Mr. Else earned a B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Montana, College of Technology in May of 1983. He accepted employment with Getty/Texaco Oil company in Bakersfield, CA following graduation and after serving 8 years in private industry, joined Minerals Management Service in 1991 as a petroleum engineer for the Pacific Region office. For the past 8 years Mr. Else has served as a petroleum engineer for MMS Headquarters in Herndon, VA within the Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs and is responsible for selection, funding, and management of MMS's safety and technology research.

JAMES J. KENDALL
Chief, Environmental Division and OCS SC Executive Secretary

Dr. James J. Kendall was appointed Chief of the Environmental Division for Offshore Energy and Minerals Management in June 2008. Previously he served as the Chief of the Environmental Sciences Branch responsible for coordinating the MMS Environmental Studies Program (ESP). The MMS ESP is tasked with providing the environmental and socioeconomic information necessary for MMS to make informed decisions concerning offshore energy and marine minerals activities. Prior to joining the MMS Headquarters Office, Dr. Kendall served as the ESP Studies Chief for the MMS Gulf of Mexico OCS Regional Office in New Orleans, Louisiana. He received his bachelor's degree in biology from Old Dominion University, his Ph.D. in oceanography from Texas A&M University, and is a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows program of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Dr. Kendall has conducted marine research in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and Red Sea. He serves as Executive Secretary to the OCS Scientific Committee.

ROBERT P. LABELLE
Deputy Associate Director for Offshore Energy and Minerals
Management

Robert LaBelle, as the Deputy Associate Director for Offshore Energy and Minerals Management, serves as Chief Operating Officer for the management of all facets of the Offshore Program, including policy development, policy implementation, and program planning. He is responsible for directing the implementation of Offshore's Strategic Plan and serves as Executive Secretary for the Offshore Steering Committee, as well as Chairman of the Offshore Information Management Committee.

Previously, as Chief of the MMS Environmental Division, Mr. LaBelle was responsible for offshore oil and gas industry compliance with all environmental requirements, including water and air quality, endangered species, oil spill risk analysis, and archaeology in all U.S. Federal waters. He oversaw a large environmental research program and the preparation of Environmental Impact Assessments and other decision documents used for both offshore energy and mining activities.

In 1996, he received the Citation for Meritorious Service from the Department of the Interior in recognition of his scientific accomplishments. He is an internationally recognized expert on the subject of oil spill trajectory analysis and risk assessment, with over 100 publications and technical reports on this and other environmental issues. His work has provided a key tool in addressing State and local community concerns about the effects that oil spills may have on coastal and local resources. He has also helped other agencies in risk assessment, including the 1989 Presidential Task Force on Outer Continental Shelf Leasing, the U.S. Coast Guard's analysis of "tanker-free zones" off U.S. coastlines, and the Domestic Energy Council's and the Dept. Of Commerce's 1996 environmental review of exporting Alaska North Slope oil. He has participated by invitation in international training sessions on ocean issues in Russia, Mexico, Norway, the UK, Venezuela, and Japan.

In prior positions, Mr. LaBelle was Chief of the MMS Technology Assessment and Research Branch where he led research on engineering and technical aspects of offshore production and development. Previous positions at MMS and USGS include Chief of the Environmental Operations and Analysis Branch and Chief of the Branch of Environmental Modeling. Prior to joining Interior, Mr. LaBelle worked for Martin Marietta Corporation as an environmental analyst on the siting of electrical power plants and on assessing the effects of nuclear power stations on aquatic species. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts (BS), the University of Maryland (MS), and Loyola College (MBA).

CHRIS OYNES
Associate Director of the Offshore Energy and Minerals
Management

On February 5, 2007, MMS Director Johnnie Burton named Mr. Chris Oynes as the new Associate Director of the Offshore Minerals Management Program. Until that time, Mr. Oynes had served as the Regional Director of the Gulf of Mexico Region for the past 13 years.

“Chris Oynes brings to the position of Associate Director a wealth of knowledge and experience about the practices and processes of the Offshore Program as well as impressive leadership skills,” said Burton. “His work has helped to make the OCS a major contributor to the Nation’s energy and economic security” she continued, “and his solid leadership was crucial to MMS Gulf of Mexico Region employees as well as Gulf OCS energy operators before, during and after the devastating hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005.”

In the Gulf of Mexico Region, Mr. Oynes managed the leasing of OCS lands off five Gulf Coast states for oil, gas and other mineral development, and supervised the regulation of operations and protection of the environment on those leases, which involve more than 4,000 platforms. He managed a staff of 550, comprised of geologists, geophysicists, petroleum engineers, biologists and environmental scientists.

Mr. Oynes has more than 30 years of Federal Government experience with energy matters, including 11 years in Washington, D.C. with MMS in various capacities, most notably as Chief of the Lease Sale Planning Branch and the Leasing Division. He served for 7 years as the Deputy Regional Director in the Gulf of Mexico before being named the Regional Director in 1995.

He has received the two highest honor awards that the U.S. Department of the Interior bestows--the Distinguished Service Award and the Meritorious Service Award.

FRED M. PILTZ
Regional Civil Penalty Review Officer and
Senior Environmental Scientist, Pacific OCS Region

Dr. Piltz serves as the Regional Civil Penalty Review Officer, the Regional Representative to the MMS Information Committee, and is the Senior Environmental Scientist, Pacific OCS Region. He is responsible for the planning, implementation, and management of the environmental studies for the Pacific OCS Region. Prior to his current position, he worked in applied environmental impact assessment research as both a taxonomic consultant and field scientist in Southern California and in the Straits of Magellan, Chile. His research experience includes laboratory work on the effects of heavy metals on marine organisms, effects of oil spills on intertidal invertebrates, and effects of municipal sewage outfalls on benthic invertebrate communities.

PASQUALE F. ROSCIGNO
Chief, Environmental Sciences Section
Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic OCS Regions

Dr. Roscigno is the Chief, Environmental Sciences Section (ESS) for the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic OCS Regions. He is responsible for managing the Regions' Environmental Studies Program and has over 20 years of experience in managing multi-disciplinary environmental projects. Previously, he held several different research and program management positions with the MMS and with the Department of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He attended Fordham University in New York City.

HAROLDE SYMS
Chief, Resource Evaluation Division

Mr. Syms is the Chief of the Resource Evaluation Division, Minerals Management Service in Herndon, Virginia. He has held various positions in Los Angeles and Camarillo, California, as well as the Washington D.C. area. From 1988 through 2003, he served as the Chief of Reserves, Resources and Economic Analysis for MMS' Pacific OCS Region. His responsibilities included resource economic evaluations for reserves and resource assessments in Federal offshore California, Oregon, and Washington. He joined MMS' predecessor, the Conservation Division of the U.S. Geological Survey, in 1977. His experience includes reservoir analyses, reserves determinations, well log analyses, and economic evaluations of fields and prospects in the Pacific OCS Region. He has also served as an expert witness on the petroleum geology and reserves of the Pacific OCS Region. Mr. Syms is a graduate of California State University, Northridge, with a B.S. Degree in Geology. Professional affiliations include membership in the American Association of Petroleum Geology, the Coast Geological Society, and the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

DEE WILLIAMS
Chief, Environmental Studies, Alaska OCS Region

Dr. Williams is responsible for managing and directing the activities of a multi-disciplinary staff in the planning, design, procurement, and conduct of environmental research and study products to serve MMS environmental information needs. He earned a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University and previously worked in academics and resource management consulting. He has a broad international and intercultural background in development impact studies, with many publications in various academic journals and book presses. He sits on Technical Review committees for multiple federal/state agencies in Alaska.

