

## **Patricia E. Morrison**

Patricia (Patty) Morrison became Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Department of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management in April 2002, where she helps oversee the Minerals Management Service, the Office of Surface Mining and the Bureau of Land Management. Ms. Morrison is an attorney who is licensed to practice in both Texas and Oklahoma. She began her career in private litigation practice in Dallas, but later spent over twelve years as in-house counsel for The Williams Companies in Tulsa, Oklahoma. While with Williams, Ms. Morrison represented the company both in its oil and gas and pipeline businesses, and in its telecommunications business, serving for a time as its Manager of Regulatory Affairs.

Ms. Morrison has extensive expertise in oil and gas exploration and production, including offshore production and transportation, in petroleum product and natural gas pipeline construction and operation, and in right-of-way, environmental, and other private and public land management issues.

Ms. Morrison graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Texas where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree (Accounting) in 1984, and a Juris Doctor in 1987. Ms. Morrison, a Kaw and an Osage Indian, was born in Beaumont, Texas, and grew up in San Antonio, Texas, and Stillwater, Oklahoma. She has been active in her church and in various civic organizations, such as the Tulsa Junior League.