UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

NTL No. 2004-N02

Effective Date: February 2, 2004 Rescission Date: April 29, 2004

NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR LEASES IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

2004 Industry Awards Program and Luncheon

The 2004 Minerals Management Service (MMS) Industry Awards Program and Luncheon are scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at the Inter-Continental in Houston, Texas. This is the 21st year that MMS has honored outstanding companies for their exemplary safety and pollution prevention records, and the sixth year for our industry awards program. The following awards will be presented:

■ Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA)

Recognizes corporation employees who performed exemplary acts or services that helped MMS meet important mission objectives.

■ Safe Operations and Accurate Reporting (SOAR)

Recognizes the OCS operator that demonstrated outstanding safety and pollution prevention performance and timely and accurate mineral revenue reporting.

■ Mineral Revenues Stewardship Award

Recognizes companies committed to timely and accurate filing of mineral lease revenue and production reports with MMS's Minerals Revenue Management Program.

■ Safety Award for Excellence (SAFE)

The SAFE Program recognizes OCS oil and gas facility operators and contractors for outstanding safety and pollution prevention performance. The SAFE Award categories are as follows:

- High Activity Operator
- Moderate Activity Operator
- Drilling Contractor
- Production Contractor

Please log onto our web site to obtain registration information at: <u>http://www.mms.gov/awards/</u>

Contact: If you have additional questions, please telephone Debbie O'Brien at (703) 787-1579.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement: This notice does not refer to or impose any information collection subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

February 2, 2004 Dated. (signed)

Thomas A. Readinger Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management