Pipeline Application/Regulatory Process

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GOM Production

- 0.9 MMBOPD in 1995
- Up to 1.8 MMBOP Projected by 2003
- 13 BCFPD in 1995
- Up to 17 BCFD Projected by 2003
- Production 22% of US oil and 27% gas
Pipeline Infrastructure

- 28,085 total miles of pipelines
- From 1995 to 1998 MMS approved 5,747 miles
- 1,627 miles approved in 1997 (record)
- 17 major lines to shore/state waters from 1994 to 1998
Pipelines Approved


Miles

Segments

MMS
Overview

- MMS Pipeline Application Review
- New Technologies/Procedures
- Application Coordination
MMS Application Review Process

- Technical
  - Pipeline Design
  - Installation
  - Operation

- Environmental
  - Biological
  - Water Quality
  - Socioeconomic
  - Archaeology, etc
New Technologies/Standards

- Regulatory Flexibility
  » Alternate compliance

- Deepwater Operation Plans
  » Approval prior to submitting application

- Standards
  » Update industry standards
Application Coordination

- Fish & Wildlife and National Marine Services
- Department of Transportation
  - MOU updated recently
- Corps of Engineers
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- States
Closing

- MMS regulations provide for regulatory flexibility
- Established pipeline review/coordination process