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HURRICANE OPAL - REPORT #5

To keep you informed about the effect of Hurricane Opal on offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico, the Minerals Management Service will provide status reports as information becomes available.

*Gas Production Shut-In: 80 million cubic feet (less than 1%)

**Oil Production Shut-In: 26,500 barrels (less than 4%)

DAMAGE REPORTS

Ø Some 35 damage reports have been received with little damage being reported.

Ø MMS has received nine reports of natural gas pipeline problems and those operators have been asked to perform underwater inspections.

* Daily Gas Production in the Gulf averages about 13 billion cubic feet

** Daily Oil Production in the Gulf averages about 800,000 barrels

NOTE: THIS MAY BE THE FINAL HURRICANE OPAL REPORT. SHOULD WE RECEIVE INFORMATION OF ANY CONSEQUENCE (i.e., significant change in the situation), WE WILL INFORM YOU.

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