

Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held April 22, 2009 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM Royal Gorge Field Office, 3028 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cass Cairns, (719) 269-8553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15 member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Royal Gorge Field Office and San Luis Valley, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include: Manager updates on current land management issues, including 2009 Fire season outlook, Rags Over the Arkansas River (ROAR) on the Over The River proposed project, the Garden Park and Shaws Park Travel Management Plan Environmental Assessment alternatives, overview of Statewide RAC meeting held in February, and Charter renewal.

All meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to make oral comments to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Royal Gorge Field Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. Meeting minutes and agenda (10 days prior to each meeting) are also available at: [http://www.blm.gov/rac/co/fracc/co\\_fr.htm](http://www.blm.gov/rac/co/fracc/co_fr.htm).

Dated: March 23, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee (SC); Announcement of Plenary Session

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The OCS Scientific Committee will meet at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 29, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, April 30, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Friday, May 1, 2009, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, 401 E. 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, telephone (907) 276-8700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the agenda may be requested from MMS by calling Ms. Carolyn Beamer at (703) 787-1211. Other inquiries concerning the OCS SC meeting should be addressed to Dr. James Kendall, Executive Secretary to the OCS SC, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4043, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817 or by calling (703) 787-1656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS SC will provide advice on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific value of the OCS Environmental Studies Program to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the MMS. The SC will review the relevance of the research and data being produced to meet MMS scientific information needs for decision making and may recommend changes in scope, direction, and emphasis.

The Committee will meet in plenary session on Wednesday, April 29. The Deputy Associate Director will address the Committee on the general status of the MMS and its activities. There will be an update on OCS activities in the Alaska OCS Region and Regional Supervisors for Environment and Leasing from each region will present an overview of the Environmental Studies Program and current issues.

On Thursday, April 30, the Committee will meet in discipline breakout groups (i.e., biology/ecology, physical sciences, and social sciences) to review the specific research plans of the MMS regional offices for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

On Friday, May 1, the Committee will meet in plenary session for reports of the individual discipline breakout sessions of the previous day and to continue with Committee business.

The meetings are open to the public. Approximately 30 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis at the plenary session.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

Date: March 24, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf Civil Penalties

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice summarizing Outer Continental Shelf Civil Penalties paid from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides a listing of civil penalties paid from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, for violations of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. The goal of the MMS Outer Continental Shelf Civil Penalties Program is to assure safe and clean oil, gas, sulphur, or other minerals operations on the Outer Continental Shelf. Through the pursuit, assessment, and collection of civil penalties and referrals for the consideration of criminal penalties, the program is designed to encourage compliance with applicable statutes and regulations. The purpose of publishing the penalties summary is to provide information to the public on violations of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and to provide an additional incentive for safe and environmentally sound operations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joanne McCammon, Program Coordinator, at 703-787-1292.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) strengthened section 24 of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act Amendments of 1978. Section 8201 of OPA 90 increased the amount of the civil penalty from a maximum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 per violation for each day of noncompliance. More importantly, OPA 90 provided the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with the authority to assess a civil penalty without first providing a period of time for corrective action in cases where a failure to comply with applicable regulations constitutes or constituted a threat of serious, irreparable, or immediate harm or damage to life (including fish and other aquatic life); property; any mineral deposit; or the marine, coastal, or human environment.

The provisions of OPA 90 also require the Secretary to adjust the maximum civil penalty to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Every 3 years, MMS analyzes the maximum civil penalty amount in conjunction with the CPI prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor. If an adjustment is necessary, MMS informs the public through the **Federal Register** of the new