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MMS Approves Application for Permit to Drill for ARCO's Warthog Exploratory Well

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) approved an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) which was submitted to MMS under an approved Exploration Plan(EP), for a prospect in the Beaufort Sea Sale 144 area dubbed "Warthog." The EP and APD were submitted by ARCO Alaska Inc.

ARCO proposes to drill an exploratory well during the 1997-1998 solid ice season utilizing the Glomar Beaufort Sea 1 (CIDS), a concrete island drilling system. The well will be drilled from a surface location on a federal lease to an adjacent State lease.

The APD provides technical information on activities proposed to be conducted during the drilling of an individual well. This technical information is contained in regulations found in the Code of Federal Regulations and is required to be submitted and approved prior to the initiation of drilling activities.

For more information about the proposed exploration activity, call 907-271-6070, or toll-free at 1-800-764-2627.

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