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### **MMS To Hold Workshops on Draft EIS for Proposed Beaufort Sea Sale 144**

The Alaska Region of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold workshops on the recently released draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for proposed OCS Lease Sale 144, Beaufort Sea. The DEIS was released for public comment on August 18, 1995. The comment period closes on November 11, 1995.

The workshops will be held in Nuiqsut on August 29, 1995, from 1-5 p.m. at the Kiski Community Center; in Kaktovik on August 30, 1995, from 2-5 p.m. at the Community Building; and in Barrow on August 31, 1995, from 2-5 p.m. at the North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers.

At these workshops, MMS staff will explain how the DEIS is put together and suggest ways to review the document. "We hope that these workshops will improve people's understanding of the EIS and encourage people to participate in the public process for Sale 144

"Comments on the draft EIS will be accepted either at the public hearings or during the public comment period particularly with regard to local and traditional knowledge," said MMS Regional Director Judy Gottlieb. "The formal public hearings on the draft EIS are tentatively scheduled for late October," she added.

For additional information about the workshops, please call Ray Emerson at 1-907-271-6652 or MMS Public Affairs at 1-800-764-2627.

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