

SPEAKER BIO

Mr. Lars Herbst is the Minerals Management Service Regional Director for the Gulf of Mexico Region. Following his employment with Schlumberger, he started with MMS in 1983 as a staff engineer in the Technical Assessment Office, then as the Drilling Engineer and eventually Manager of the New Orleans District. In 2004, he was promoted to Deputy Regional Supervisor for District Operations. He most recently held the position of Field Operations Regional Supervisor prior to assuming his current position in 2007.

Mr. Herbst's responsibilities include oversight of all of MMS' Gulf of Mexico activities. In 2007, he and his staff conducted very successful lease sales in the Central and Western Planning Areas. In addition to lease sale activities, he manages resource evaluation, environmental assessment, resource conservation, and permitting and compliance functions for the Agency in the Gulf of Mexico.

In his 24 years of oil and gas related work, he has worked closely with organizations such as SPE, AADE, IADC, OOC, and API.

Mr. Herbst is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Louisiana and holds a BS Degree in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University.