

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

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**NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL, GAS, AND SULPHUR
LEASES AND PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS
IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

Functional Responsibility of MMS Regulations

This Notice to Lessees and Operators and Pipeline Right-of-way Holders (NTL) supersedes NTL 2000-G01, effective January 27, 2000. It is identical to that NTL except that it lists the office of primary functional responsibility for 30 CFR 253, Oil Spill Financial Responsibilities for Offshore Facilities, as Leasing and Environment instead of Field Operations.

The NTL 2000-G01 superseded NTL 93-04, dated September 30, 1993. Since NTL 93-04 was issued, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) has made many changes to the regulations governing OCS operations. These changes include a total redesignation (renumbering) of the 30 CFR 250 regulations and the addition of two new Parts, 30 CFR 253 and 30 CFR 254. Also, final regulations have just been published that reorganize Subpart A of 30 CFR 250 (64 FR 72756, December 28, 1999). This NTL updates the regulatory citations and functional responsibilities in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) and adds a statement on the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The following table lists the citations and subject matter of the MMS regulations and provides the organizational unit in the GOMR with primary responsibility for the various functions and requirements contained therein.

REGULATION CITATION (FORMER SECTIONS IN PARENTHESIS)	SUBJECT MATTER	ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
30 CFR 250, OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR OPERATIONS IN THE OCS		
Subpart A, General		
250.104 (250.124)	Appeals	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
250.107 (250.120 & 122)	Standards	Field Operations
250.108 (250.120)	Cranes	Field Operations
250.109-113 (250.402, 507, & 607)	Welding & burning	Field Operations

250.114 (250.403, 508, & 608)	Electrical equipment	Field Operations
250.115-117 (250.111)	Determination of well producibility	Resource Evaluation
250.118-124 (250.114)	Injection & subsurface storage of gas	Production and Development
250.130-133 (250.121)	Inspection of operations	Field Operations
250.135-136 (New)	Disqualification	Regional Director
250.140 (250.106)	Oral approvals	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
250.141-142 (250.103)	Alternate procedures and departures	Field Operations
250.143-144 (250.108)	Designation of Operator	Leasing and Environment
250.145(a) (New)	Designation of agent	Leasing and Environment
250.145(b) (250.109)	Designation of local agent	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
250.146 (250.108)	Leasehold obligations	Field Operations
250.150 and 153 (New)	Naming facilities & wells	Field Operations
250.154 (250.115)	Identifying facilities & wells	Field Operations
250.160-162 (250.107)	Right of use & easement	Field Operations
250.163-166 (New)	Right of use & easement (States)	Field Operations
250.168-177 (250.110)	Suspension of production or operations	Production and Development
250.180 (250.123)	Report of cessation of production	Field Operations
250.181-185 (250.112)	Cancellation of leases	Leasing and Environment
250.190 (250.117)	Information & forms	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
250.191 (250.119)	Accident reports	Field Operations
250.192 (New)	Evacuation statistics	Field Operations
250.193 (New)	Apparent violations	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
250.194 (250.126)	Archaeological surveys & reports	Regional Director
250.195 (250.116)	Reimbursement	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
250.196 (250.118)	Public information	Regional Director

Subpart B, Exploration Plans and Development and Production Plans		
All		Field Operations
Except 250.202(c) (250.32(c))	Protecting the lessor	Production and Development
Subpart C, Pollution Prevention and Control		
All		Field Operations
Subpart D, Oil and Gas Drilling Operations		
All		Field Operations
Subpart E, Oil and Gas Well-Completion Operations		
All		Field Operations
Subpart F, Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations		
All		Field Operations
Subpart G, Abandonment of Wells		
All		Field Operations
Subpart H, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems		
All		Field Operations
Subpart I, Platforms and Structures		
All		Field Operations
Subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-way		
All		Field Operations
Except 250.1013	Assignment of a right-of-way grant	Leasing and Environment
Except 250.1014	Relinquishment of a right-of-way grant	Leasing and Environment

Subpart K, Oil and Gas Production Rates		
All		Production and Development
Subpart L, Oil and Gas Production Measurement, Commingling, and Security		
All		Production and Development
Subpart M, Unitization		
All		Production and Development
Subpart N, OCS Civil Penalties		
All		Field Operations
Subpart O, Training		
All		Field Operations
Subpart P, Sulphur Operations		
All		Field Operations
30 CFR PART 251, GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL (G&G) EXPLORATIONS OF THE OCS		
All		Resource Evaluation
Except 251.3(a)	G and G activities under a lease	Field Operations
Except 251.7(b)	Deep stratigraphic tests	Field Operations
Except 251.7(c)(5)	Changes to test drilling applications	Field Operations
Except 251.7(d)	Test drilling bonding requirements	Leasing and Environment
Except 251.10	Penalties and appeals	Field Operations

30 CFR PART 253, OIL SPILL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFSHORE FACILITIES		
All		Leasing and Environment
30 CFR PART 254, OIL SPILL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES LOCATED SEAWARD OF THE COASTLINE		
All		Field Operations
30 CFR PART 256, LEASING OF SULPHUR OR OIL AND GAS IN THE OCS		
All		Leasing and Environment
30 CFR PART 260, OCS OIL AND GAS LEASING		
All		Leasing and Environment

Note: Some of the functions of the Office of Field Operations are performed in the GOMR District offices, and they are responsible for the following:

- Receive first notice of oil spill, fire, or accident
- Applications for Permit to Drill (APD's) - Form MMS-123
- Sundry Notices - Form MMS-124
- Production safety systems
- Welding and burning plans
- Hydrogen sulfide contingency plans

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements for the regulations and forms referenced in this NTL and assigned OMB control numbers. Each Part referenced in this NTL that contains information collection includes a section in the regulations listing the applicable control number(s). This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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