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OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING HISTORY (Quarterly as of 9/30/96)

	<u>Alaska</u>	<u>Atlantic</u>	<u>GOM</u>	<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sales Held	17*	10*	75	11*	110*
Blocks Offered	24,659	9,160	177,166	1,887	212,872
Leases Issued	1,562	410	13,739	470	16,181
Active Leases	51	47	5,706	83	5,887
Active Acres Leased					
(millions)	0.23	0.26	29.14	0.42	30.05
Wells drilled	81	49	33,046	1,131	34,307

The above tabulation (as of September 30, 1996) does not include Beaufort Sea Sale 144 and Western Gulf of Mexico Sale 161 pending completion of the bid adequacy review for those sales.

The responsibility for administering the Atlantic leases now rests with the Gulf of Mexico Region.

* Note that the reoffering Sale RS-2, held on August 5, 1982, offered oil and gas tracts on the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific OCS and is recorded as a separate sale within each of those Regions. However, Sale RS-2 is considered a single sale in the overall statistical summary on OCS leasing.

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