

**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,
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 No. 2000-G03, effective January 28, 2000. It updates the regulatory citations, primary functional responsibilities, and contact information and includes a guidance document statement.

The following table lists the regulatory citations and subject matter of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) regulations and provides the organizational office in the MMS Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) with primary responsibility for the various functions and requirements contained therein.

REGULATION CITATION	SUBJECT MATTER	GOMR ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICE WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
30 CFR 203 RELIEF OR REDUCTION IN ROYALTY RATES		
All		Production and Development
30 CFR 250 OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR OPERATIONS IN THE OCS		
Subpart A, General		
§ 250.103	Notices	Regional Director
§ 250.104	Appeals	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§ 250.106	Standards	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§ 250.107	Performance	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§ 250.108	Cranes	Field Operations
§§ 250.109-113	Welding and burning	Field Operations

REGULATION CITATION	SUBJECT MATTER	GOMR ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICE WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
§ 250.114	Electrical equipment	Field Operations
§§ 250.115-117	Determination of well producibility	Resource Evaluation
§§ 250.118-124	Injection and subsurface storage of gas	Production and Development
§§ 250.125-126	Fees	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§§ 250.130-133	Inspection of operations	Field Operations
§§ 250.135-136	Disqualification	Regional Director
§ 250.140	Oral approvals	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§§ 250.141-142	Alternate procedures and departures	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§§ 250.143-144	Designation of Operator	Leasing and Environment
§ 250.145(a)	Designation of agent	Leasing and Environment
§ 250.145(b)	Designation of local agent	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§ 250.146	Leasehold obligations	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§§ 250.150 and 153	Naming facilities and wells	Field Operations
§ 250.154	Identifying facilities and wells	Field Operations
§§ 250.160-162	Right-of-use and easement	Field Operations
§§ 250.163-166	Right-of-use and easement (States)	Field Operations
§§ 250.168-177	Suspension of production or operations	Production and Development
§ 250.180	Lease reports and expiration	Field Operations
§§ 250.181-185	Lease cancellation	Leasing and Environment
§ 250.186	Reporting information and forms	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§§ 250.187-190	Incident notifications and reports	Field Operations
§ 250.191	Accident investigations	Field Operations
§ 250.192	Evacuation statistics	Field Operations
§ 250.193	Apparent violations	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§ 250.194	Archaeological surveys and reports	Regional Director
§ 250.195	Well production status notification	Field Operations

REGULATION CITATION	SUBJECT MATTER	GOMR ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICE WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
§ 250.196	Reimbursement	Appropriate Regional Supervisor
§ 250.197	Public information	Information Management Services
Subpart B, Plans and Information		
All		Field Operations
Except § 250.202(c)	Protecting the lessor	Production and Development
Except §§ 250.296-299	Conservation information documents	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 H, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems		
All		Field Operations
Subpart I, Platforms and Structures		
All		Field Operations

REGULATION CITATION	SUBJECT MATTER	GOMR ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICE WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
Subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-way		
All		Field Operations
Except § 250.1018	Assignment 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
Subpart Q, Decommissioning Activities		
All		Field Operations

REGULATION CITATION	SUBJECT MATTER	GOMR ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICE WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
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 252 OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) OIL AND GAS INFORMATION PROGRAM		
All		Information Management Services
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 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
Except § 256.55	Notification of bankruptcy or insolvency	Regional Director
30 CFR PART 260 OCS OIL AND GAS LEASING		
§ 260.110-111	Bidding Systems	Leasing and Environment
§ 260.112-113	Eligible Leases	Production and Development
§ 260.114(a)	Eligible Leases	Resource Evaluation

REGULATION CITATION	SUBJECT MATTER	GOMR ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICE WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
§ 260.114(b), § 260.115-117	Eligible Leases	Production and Development
§ 260.120-124	Royalty Suspension (RS) Leases	Production and Development
§ 260.130	Bidding System Selection Criteria	Leasing and Environment
§ 260.301-303	Joint Bidding	Leasing and Environment

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

- Oil spill and incident notifications and reports
- Well drilling, completions, and workovers
- Form MMS-144, Rig Movement Notification Report
- Production safety systems
- Welding and burning plans and hydrogen sulfide contingency plans

Guidance Document Statement

The MMS issues NTL's as guidance documents in accordance with 30 CFR 250.103 to clarify, supplement, and provide more detail about certain MMS regulatory requirements and to outline the information you provide in your various submittals. Under that authority, this NTL sets forth a policy on and an interpretation of a regulatory requirement that provides a clear and consistent approach to complying with that requirement.

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 any additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Contact

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