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

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## NOTICE TO PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

#### Damage from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike (Supplement No. 2)

This Notice to Pipeline Right-of-way Holders (NTL) supersedes NTL No. 2008-G23 on this subject. It extends the time period during which certain pipeline right-of-way (ROW) grants will not expire from November 20, 2009, to June 1, 2010, to allow sufficient time for repairs to be completed on pipelines damaged by Hurricanes Gustav and/or Ike.

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1014, a pipeline ROW grant will expire if the associated pipeline is not properly maintained or is not being used for the purpose for which the grant was made. However, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) recognizes that there are some ROW pipelines that sustained damage from Hurricanes Gustav and/or Ike that are still not used for the purposes for which the respective grants were made. Accordingly, any pipeline ROW associated with a pipeline that cannot be properly maintained or is not being used for the purpose for which the grant was made because of damage caused by either Hurricane Gustav or Hurricane Ike to the pipeline or to a connecting pipeline or structure will not expire for either of those reasons during the period beginning November 20, 2008, and ending June 1, 2010.

Be advised that if by June 1, 2010, you are not using such a pipeline for the purpose for which the associated grant was made, the grant will be deemed to have expired unless you have received approval before that date from the MMS GOMR to modify the grant to allow for cessation of pipeline operations.

#### **Guidance Document Statement**

The MMS issues NTLs 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 must provide in your various submissions to MMS. 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. However, if you wish to use an alternate approach for compliance, you may

do so, after you receive approval from the appropriate MMS office under  $30\ CFR\ 250.141$ .

### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement

This NTL provides more detail about a certain regulatory requirement considering the effects of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. It does not impose information collection requirements subject to the PRA.

#### Contact

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