UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

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<u>NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS LEASES IN THE
OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION</u>

<u>Static Casing Pressures Less than 100 psig</u>

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103. It
establishes a minimum threshold for reporting sustained casing pressures to the Minerals
Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

Effective immediately, all wells with static casing pressures less than or equal to 100 pounds per
square inch gauge (psig) are exempt from the provisions for sustained casing pressure reporting
set forth in 30 CFR 250.517(c). This applies to all fixed platform wells, subsea wells, and hybrid
wells. Static casing pressure is defined as the maximum stable pressure (unchanging) observed
on any non-structural casing on a producing, shut-in, or temporarily abandoned well. Static
casing pressure may be self-imposed, thermal, or sustained casing pressure.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The information collection referred to in this NTL is intended to provide clarification,
description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 250, Subpart E, Oil and Gas
Well-Completion Operations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the
information collection requirements in these regulations under OMB control number 1010-0067.
This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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70123-2394 with any questions regarding the reporting of sustained casing pressure.

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