

**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 IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO REGION**

Addition of Blocks to the Thirty-fifth Drilling Window

By Letter to Lessees (LTL) dated April 23, 1991, the Minerals Management Service (MMS), after consultation with the U.S. Air Force, announced the location and timing of future drilling windows for exploratory activities on oil and gas leases that were obtained through Lease Sales Nos. 79, 94, and 116 and that contain Stipulation No. 5.

The subject leases were divided into five groups that would not interfere with military operations. Please refer to the April 23, 1991, LTL and its enclosures for a description of the five groups as well as a map showing these groups and a list of the actual leased blocks in these groups.

Following a scheme similar to the one announced by the April 23, 1991, LTL, the MMS announced on April 30, 1996, the schedule for the next round of drilling windows.

The Thirty-fourth Drilling Window is scheduled to close on January 31, 1997. Group "D" will open as the Thirty-fifth Drilling Window effective February 1, 1997. At the request of two OCS operators and after consultation with the Air Force, it has been decided to add two lease blocks not in Group "D" to this Drilling Window. Therefore, when the Thirty-fifth Drilling Window opens on February 1, 1997, it will include, in addition to Group "D," Lease OCS-G 10445, Block 177, DeSoto Canyon Area, and expired Lease OCS-G 6391, Block 948, Pensacola Area.

This Notice to Lessees and Operators is being sent only to those lessees, named on the attached list, who have active leases in the affected area.

Sincerely,

[signed] Chris Oynes
Regional Director

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