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

Implementation of the eWell Permitting and Reporting System

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103 to establish and implement the eWell Permitting and Reporting System.

Background

Various Minerals Management Service (MMS) regulations require you to submit the following forms to request approval to conduct well activities and to notify the MMS about well activities you have already completed.

Form Number	Form Name	Regulation (30 CFR 250)
Form MMS-123	Application for Permit to Drill (APD)	410(d), 513(a)
Form MMS-123S	Supplemental APD Information Sheet	410(d)
Form MMS-124	Application for Permit to Modify (APM)	465(a), 513(a), 613(a), 613(d), 1712, 1717, 1721, 1722(a), 1722(d), 1723(b), 1743(a)
Form MMS-125	End of Operations Report (EOR)	465(a), 513(c), 613(d)
Form MMS-133	Well Activity Report (WAR)	468(b)
Form MMS-144	Rig Movement Notification Report	403(c)

Under 30 CFR 250.190(a)(3), you may submit digital data when the MMS is equipped to accept it. The MMS Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) has developed the eWell Permitting and Reporting System to provide this capability for well information and to increase the efficiency of the transactions between OCS lessees and operators and the MMS GOMR.

In developing this Internet-based system, the MMS GOMR re-engineered each of the forms listed above. These forms have been placed on-line for you to complete and submit them electronically to the appropriate MMS GOMR office via a secure Internet site for approval or acceptance. You will be able to use this system in lieu of the paper forms you now submit.

The eWell Permitting and Reporting System will significantly improve and streamline current MMS GOMR business processes. Improvements include the delivery of information from MMS data sources to aid you in entering an application, elimination of duplicative reporting,

validations performed within each application to help eliminate erroneous data, and automatic E-mail notices to inform you and your designated contacts of approvals and status changes on applications and reports. These design features and many others will facilitate better business transactions and provide for more timely decision making.

Procedures

The eWell Permitting and Reporting System will become operational on June 1, 2004. Those lessees and operators interested in participating in this online system must apply to the MMS GOMR in order to designate an operator representative to receive administrative entitlements. Attached to this NTL is an "Application Manual," which provides information and guidance on obtaining access to the system.

Training

The MMS GOMR has scheduled numerous two-day training sessions on the eWell Permitting and Reporting System throughout May, June, July, and August of 2004. After August 2004, the MMS GOMR will schedule training on an as-needed basis. To register for this free training, please contact one of the following: Ms. Suzie Winstead by telephone at (504) 736-2504 or by e-mail at <u>suzanne.winstead@mms.gov</u>, or Ms. Rita Lewis by telephone at (504)736-1711 or by e-mail at <u>rita.lewis@mms.gov</u>.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement

The information in this NTL is intended to provide clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 250, Subparts D, E, and F, and for Form MMS-123, Form MMS-123S, Form MMS-124, Form MMS-125, Form MMS-133, and Form MMS-144. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements for these regulations and forms under OMB control numbers 1010-0141 for Subpart D, 1010-0067 for Subpart E, 1010-0043 for Subpart F, 1010-0044 for Form MMS-123, 1010-0131 for Form MMS-123S, 1010-0045 for Form MMS-124, 1010-0046 for Form MMS-125, 1010-0132 for Form MMS-133, and 1010-0150 for Form MMS-144. This NTL does not refer to or impose any information collection subject to the PRA.

Contacts

For information regarding new user accounts and entitlements, you may contact Ms. Christa Sherman by telephone at (504) 731-3095 or by e-mail at <u>christa.sherman@mms.gov</u>. For training or user help, you may contact Mr. Bob Lanza by telephone at (504) 736-2450 or by e-mail at <u>robert.lanza@mms.gov</u>.

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Attachment (Application Manual)

eWell Permitting and Reporting System Application Manual

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1. INTRODUCTION TO THE eWELL SYSTEM

System Overview

The eWell Permitting and Reporting System (eWell System) is a comprehensive Internet permitting and reporting system for collecting information concerning well operations for each wellbore and well completion. This includes permits needed before drilling and other well operations can take place and reports containing data and information provided at certain times during and after operations on a wellbore. The data collected are in the interest of resource evaluation, waste prevention, conservation of natural resources, and protection of correlative rights, safety, and the environment. Once the data are collected, the eWell System has a built-in review process that allows MMS to approve/disapprove the information submitted.

The eWell System uses the latest technology to provide lessees and operators with a means to submit and retrieve well data and information via the Internet; provide secure web input and file transfer; eliminate data redundancy by showing the data and information MMS already has collected on a wellbore; and offer a means by which lessees and operators provide only the data and information that the MMS needs and does not yet have.

Purpose of This Manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide the needed information guidance for obtaining access to the eWell System to submit information related to permitting or the operation of a well. Forms and instructions are provided as appendices. To gain access to the system, the user needs to determine the appropriate user type, read the disclaimer, follow the process outlined for the user type, and have an eWell administrator grant the proper access to the system.

Several other topics about user ID's and general operations of the eWell System are discussed in this document.

Process for Accessing the eWell System

There is a two-step process to grant a person access to the eWell System. First, the user must submit paper applications to request a user ID. With a user ID, a person can sign on to the system, but can do nothing else. Second, the company eWell administrator for the user needs to grant the user the appropriate access to the eWell System data and functions.

2. <u>eWELL SYSTEM USER TYPES</u>

The four types of eWell System users are company administrators, company users, agent administrators, and agent users.

Company Administrator

A company administrator is a company employee assigned to administer the eWell entitlement rights for a company in the eWell System. Company administrator duties include reviewing user request forms for completeness and submitting them to MMS; maintaining entitlement groups of leases, wells, and users; and entitling groups of users to perform various functions on groups of leases or wells. To become a company administrator, a person needs to complete the eWell Administrator Request form (see Appendix B).

Company User

A company user is a company employee who completes the eWell System forms and submits them to MMS for the company. To become a company user, this person needs to complete the eWell User Request form (see Appendix A).

Agent Administrator

An agent administrator is a person assigned by a company to administer the eWell System entitlement rights on behalf of that company in the eWell System. Agent administrator duties include reviewing user request forms for completeness and submitting them to MMS; maintaining entitlement groups of leases, wells, and users; and entitling groups of users to perform various functions on groups of leases or wells. To become an agent administrator, a person needs to complete the eWell Administrator Request form (see Appendix B).

Agent User

An agent user is a person assigned by a company to complete eWell forms for that company and send them to MMS for the company. To become an agent user, a person needs to complete an eWell Agent Request form (see Appendix C).

3. <u>eWELL SYSTEM ACCOUNT APPLICATION PROCESS</u>

To apply for an eWell System account, follow the procedures listed below, depending on the type of user account needed.

Company Administrator

1. The company administrator completes the eWell Administrator Request form (see Appendix B) and sends it to the company representative who has signature authority with MMS.

2. The company representative signs, lists the companies that the administrator needs access to, and mails the form to MMS Office of Information Technology Services (OITS):

Gregg Triche 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd. MS 5040 New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

3. OITS notifies the company administrator that the user ID has been created.

4. The company administrator signs on and changes the password.

Company User

1. The company user completes the eWell User Request form (see Appendix A).

2. The company representative signs, lists the companies that the user needs access to, and mails the form to MMS OITS:

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3. OITS notifies the company user and company administrator that the user ID has been created.

4. The company user signs on and changes the password.

Agent Administrator

1. The agent administrator completes the eWell Administrator Request form (see Appendix B) and sends it to the company representative who has signature authority with MMS for the company for which the agent administrator needs access.

2. The company representative signs the agreement, lists the companies that the agent administrator needs access to, and mails the form to MMS OITS:

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- 3. OITS notifies the agent administrator that the user ID has been created.
- 4. The agent administrator signs on and changes the password.

Agent User

1. The agent user completes the eWell User Request form (see Appendix A) and sends it to the company representative who has signature authority with MMS for the company for which the user needs access.

2. The company representative signs the agreement, lists the companies that the user needs access to, and mails the form to MMS OITS:

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3. OITS notifies the agent user, the agent administrator, and the principal company administrator that the user ID has been created.

4. The agent user signs on and changes the password.

4. <u>HOW TO</u>

Obtain Access to a New Company for an Existing eWell User ID

Company users need to fill out the eWell User Request form and check the "New Company" box. Agent users need to fill out the eWell Agent User Request form. The user ID for the person wanting access to the company data must be included. From this point, the process flow is the same as for company users and agent users to complete the account application process.

Change an eWell Password

For a user to change a password, the person must call the MMS help desk by telephone at 1-866-EGOV-MMS or send an e-mail at <u>ommgomoitshelpdesk@mms.gov</u> to ask for a new password. The person must answer a question with the correct answer. Then the password is changed. The new password will be sent by certified mail to the user. Once the user signs on with the new password, the user changes the password.

Terminate a User

Before a user can be terminated, the company administrator needs to eliminate the user from all user groups in the eWell Entitlements system. The company administrator then completes a eWell User Request form and checks the Delete User box. Sign the form and mail it to OITS at the following address:

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Once the form is received, OITS will terminate the user ID and notify the company administrator that the user ID has been deleted.

Unlock a User ID

If a user ID is locked, a user notifies the help desk by telephone at 1-866-EGOV-MMS or by email at <u>ommgomoitshelpdesk@mms.gov</u>, and the MMS administrator unlocks the account for the user and notifies the company administrator.

Report a Problem to the MMS Help Desk

Help desk hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A user can call the OITS help desk at 1-866-EGOV-MMS during these hours, and a help desk ticket will be generated and routed to the appropriate person. After hours, the user can either send an e-mail to the help desk at <u>ommgomoitshelpdesk@mms.gov</u> or leave a message on the help desk telephone line, and a help desk ticket will be generated the next day. The MMS Information Technology Division (ITD) will assign a member from the eWell team to the OITS help desk to resolve any software problems. Help desk problems will be resolved during the regular working hours of the person assigned for the month. The telephone number and e-mail address for the help desk will be included on the eWell Welcome page as well as in the eWell system help.

5. USER ID'S AND PASSWORDS

Make sure that your User ID's and passwords follow the MMS user ID and password standards listed below. Every three months, a user must change his or her eWell System password. If a user ID has not been used within the last six months, the user ID will be locked, and the company administrator will be notified.

Make sure that your passwords adhere to the following standards:

- 1. They must be 12 characters long.
- 2. They must contain at least one character from three of the four following groups:
 - a. English upper case letters (A, B, C, ...)
 - b. English lower case letters (a, b, c, ...)
 - c. Westernized Arabic numerals (0 through 9)
 - d. Special characters (i.e., ! @ # \$ % & * ? { } |: " < > ? [] : , . / ...)
- 3. They must not contain a user name or any portion of a full name.
- 4. They must not contain "dictionary" words (words that can be found in an English, French, German, or Spanish language dictionary).

APPENDIX A eWELL USER REQUEST FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: This form has two sides. Make sure that you print it on the front and back of one sheet of paper.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION			
Front Side				
USER INFORMATION: New User	Check this box when the user does not have a user ID in the eWell system.			
USER INFORMATION: New Company	Check this box when the user has a user ID and wants access to a new company.			
USER INFORMATION: Delete User Name	Check this box to delete the user from the system. MMS will accept notice of deleted users only from the company administrator. The administrator must drop the user from all entitlements before sending in the form. Enter the name of the user who wants access to the eWell system. The first name, MI, and last name are required fields.			
Title Address	Enter the company title of the person requesting access to the eWell system. Enter the company mailing address for person requesting access to the eWell system. This address will be used to correspond with the user.			
Phone Number and Fax Number	Enter the numbers for the user who wants access to the eWell system.			
E-mail Address	Enter the e-mail address of the person requesting access to the eWell system. This address will be used to correspond with the user and is a required field.			
Identity Verification Questions	Answer one of the questions. When the user calls the MMS help desk, this information will be used to verify the caller's identity before any problem can be addressed.			
Consent	Check this box. This verifies that the user has read the certifications and agrees with them.			
Signature and Date	The user needs to sign and date the form.			
	Back Side			
MMS Company Number and Name	Enter the companies to which the user needs access and for which the signer has signature authority. MMS will verify the signature for each company before granting the user access to the company. If a company is listed for which the signer does not have signature authority, the whole form will be returned and no action will be taken.			
Representative Name	Enter the name of the person with MMS signature authority. This person's name must match the name on the MMS Qualification File for the company.			
Representative Title	Enter the title of the person listed for Representative Name. The title must match the title on the MMS Qualification File.			
Representative Signature	The signature authority block must be filled out to receive a new user ID or access to a new company. The person with MMS signature authority must sign and date the form.			

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List all companies that user will submit data for. These must be companies for which you have MMS signature authority.				
MMS Company Number		Company Name (as entered on MMS Qu	ualification File)	
Representative Name:	rint)			
Representative Title:				
Representative Signature:			Date:	

APPENDIX B eWELL ADMINISTRATOR REQUEST FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: This form has two sides. Make sure that you print it on the front and back of one sheet of paper.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION			
Front Side				
USER	Check this box when the user does not have a user ID in the eWell system.			
INFORMATION:	Check this box when the user does not have a user in the even system.			
New Administrator				
USER	Check this box when the user has a user ID and wants access to a new company.			
INFORMATION:				
New Company				
USER	Check this box to delete the user from the system. MMS will accept notice of deleted			
INFORMATION:	users only from the company administrator. The administrator must drop all			
Delete Administrator	entitlements before sending in the form.			
Name	Enter the name of the user who wants access to the eWell system. The first name, MI, and last name are required fields.			
Title	Enter the company title of the person requesting access to the eWell system.			
Address	Enter the company mailing address for person requesting access to the eWell system.			
	This address will be used to correspond with the user.			
Phone Number and	Enter the numbers for the user who wants access to the eWell system.			
Fax Number				
E-mail Address	Enter the e-mail address of the person requesting access to the eWell system. This			
	address will be used to correspond with the user and is a required field.			
Identity Verification	Answer one of the questions. When the user calls the MMS help desk, this information			
Questions	will be used to verify the caller's identity before any problem can be addressed.			
Consent	Check this box. This verifies that the user has read the certifications and agrees with them.			
Signature and Date	The user needs to sign and date the form.			
Back Side				
MMS Company	Enter the companies to which the user needs access and for which the signer has			
Number and Name	signature authority. MMS will verify the signature for each company before granting			
	the user access to the company. If a company is listed for which the signer does not			
	have signature authority, the whole form will be returned and no action will be taken.			
Entitlement	Initial to allow the user to act as an administrator.			
Authorization				
Representative	Enter the name of the person with MMS signature authority. This person's name must			
Name	match the name on the MMS Qualification File for the company.			
Representative Title	Enter the title of the person listed for Representative Name. The title must match the			
	title on the MMS Qualification File.			
Representative	The person with MMS signature authority must sign and date the form.			
Signature				

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Representative Name	: (print)	
Representative Title:		
Representative Signature:		Date:

APPENDIX C eWELL AGENT USER REQUEST FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: This form has two sides. Make sure that you print it on the front and back of one sheet of paper.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION			
Front Side				
USER INFORMATION: New User	Check this box when the user does not have a user ID in the eWell system.			
USER INFORMATION: New Company	Check this box when the user has a user ID and wants access to a new company.			
USER INFORMATION: Delete User	Check this box to delete the user from the system. MMS will accept notice of deleted users only from the company administrator. The administrator must drop the user from all entitlements before sending in the form.			
Name	Enter the name of the user who wants access to the eWell system. The first name, MI, and last name are required fields.			
Title	Enter the company title of the person requesting access to the eWell system.			
Address	Enter the company mailing address for person requesting access to the eWell system. This address will be used to correspond with the user.			
Phone Number and Fax Number	Enter the numbers for the user who wants access to the eWell system.			
E-mail Address	Enter the e-mail address of the person requesting access to the eWell system. This address will be used to correspond with the user and is a required field.			
Identity Verification Questions	Answer one of the questions. When the user calls the MMS help desk, this information will be used to verify the caller's identity before any problem can be			
-	addressed.			
Consent	Check this box. This verifies that the user has read the certifications and agrees with them.			
Signature and Date	The user needs to sign and date the form.			
	Back Side			
MMS Company Number and Name	Enter the companies to which the user needs access and for which the signer has signature authority. MMS will verify the signature for each company before granting the user access to the company. If a company is listed for which the signer does not have signature authority, the whole form will be returned and no action will be taken.			
Access Authorization	Initial to allow the user to act as an agent for the company for which the signer has MMS signature authority.			
Representative Name	Enter the name of the person with MMS signature authority. This person's name must match the name on the MMS Qualification File for the company.			
Representative Title	Enter the title of the person listed for Representative Name. The title must match the title on the MMS Qualification File.			
Representative Signature	The person with MMS signature authority must sign and date the form.			

U.S. Department of the Interior Minerals Management Service eWell Agent User Request Form USER INFORMATION: New User New Company Delete User Name: Prefix First ML Last Suffix User ID Title: Address: Company Name: Division: Street: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: ______ City: Fax Number E-mail Address Phone Number Company eWell Administrator Company eWell Administrator Company eWell Administrator Phone Number E-mail Address Name IDENTITY VERIFICATION QUESTIONS

(Please answer one of the following)

Name of Childhood Pet:	Favorite Color:	
4 Digit Month and Day of Birth: (e.g., May 24 is 0524)		
	CERTIFICATION	
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- I understand that using the MMS eWell system means I will be using MMS's Computer Systems, Electronic Mail, Internet connections
 and associated equipment, software, and data. These resources are to be used for official government business only and in conjunction
 with Department of the Interior and MMS policies. Law prohibits any other use of these items (section 641, 18 USC). Violations of the law
 can result in loss of eWell access.
- 2. If I am aware of a security breach (password sharing, hacking), I will immediately notify the company eWell administrator.
- I will select my own password and I will NOT share my password or User ID with anyone. If I no longer need access to the eWell system
 for any reason, I will contact the company eWell administrator to notify them to delete my User ID from the system.
- 4. I will handle sensitive data appropriately and understand that this information is not to be exchanged, divulged, or otherwise compromised in any way unless necessary for official government business. I agree not to disclose information covered by the Privacy Act to unauthorized personnel.
- 5. I have read the eWell disclaimer and agree to the conditions specified in the document.

□ I consent and will adhere to the above conditions.

User Signature:

Date: _____

List all companies that user will submit data for. signature authority.	. These must be companies for which you have MMS
MMS Company Number	Company Name (as entered on MMS Qualification File)
	SS AUTHORIZATION (Please initial)
l authorize this user as an agent u	user who has access to the company's data based on any's eWell administrator or by the agent company's eWell
Representative Name:	
Representative Title:	
Representative Signature:	Date:

APPENDIX D eWELL SYSTEM DISCLAIMER

Security

MMS, as developer and manager of the eWell System website, has taken several steps to safeguard the integrity of its telecommunications and computing infrastructure, including but not limited to authentication, monitoring, auditing, and encryption. Security measures have been integrated into the design, implementation, and day-to-day practices of the entire operating environment as part of the MMS' continuing commitment to risk management. This information should not be construed in any way as giving business, legal, or other advice, or warranting as fail-proof the security of information provided via the website.

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