

**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 AND GAS LEASES
AND PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS
IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

Damage Caused by Hurricane Ivan (Part 3)

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) is issuing this Notice to Lessees and Operators and Pipeline Right-of-way Holders (NTL) pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103 and 30 CFR 250.106(b) and (c) to provide further guidance on the inspections you need to conduct on OCS pipelines and related facilities because of the potential damage caused by Hurricane Ivan.

Background

The MMS GOMR issued NTL No. 2004-G18 on October 4, 2004. In part, that NTL described the inspections you need to perform on OCS pipelines and related facilities as required by 30 CFR 250.1005(a).

This NTL supplements NTL No. 2004-G18 and provides clarification on the inspections you need to perform on OCS pipelines and related facilities at various water depth ranges that were along the path of Hurricane Ivan.

Hurricane Ivan Pipeline Inspections

The chart below summarizes and clarifies those portions of a pipeline that need to be inspected under NTL No. 2004-G18 according to the water depth range.

If the water depth range is	then inspect all
0 to 199 feet	risers, subsea tie-ins, and foreign pipeline crossings.
200 to 499 feet	risers, subsea tie-ins, foreign pipeline crossings, and the entire pipeline route.
500 feet or greater	risers, including steel catenary risers.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3504 et seq.) requires us to inform you that the MMS collects this information to carry out its responsibilities under the OCS Lands Act, as amended. The MMS will use the information to determine if the structural integrity of pipelines may have been adversely affected by Hurricane Ivan, if any damage poses a threat to continued safe operations or the environment, and, if so, whether to require correction action on damaged pipelines. Responses are mandatory. No proprietary data are collected. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection. There is no new reporting burden in this NTL. Reporting requirements in this NTL are per current regulations at 30 CFR 250 1008(g). The OMB has approved the collection of information and assigned OMB control number 1010-0050. Direct any comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 4230, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

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