# 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 IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

#### **Drilling Windows, Eastern Gulf of Mexico**

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) supersedes NTL No. 2000-G08, effective March 1, 2000. It provides a new drilling window schedule.

#### **Drilling Window Program**

The Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR), after consultation with the U.S. Air Force, established a drilling window program in 1991 for exploratory activities on oil and gas leases that were obtained through Lease Sales Nos. 79, 94, and 116 and that contain Lease Stipulation No. 5. In accordance with this lease stipulation, the drilling window program ensures that exploration activities can be conducted predictably, orderly, and safely without interfering with scheduled military activities or jeopardizing the national defense mission.

The drilling window program divides the subject leases into five groups as follows:

Group "A" X A rectangle in the Pensacola Area with Block 768 as the northwest corner, Block 988 as the southwest corner, Block 996 as the southeast corner, and Block 776 as the northeast corner.

Group "B" X A group that includes blocks in the Pensacola Area to the east of a line that extends north from the southwest corner of Block 997 to the State-Federal boundary offshore Florida and north of a line that extends east from the southwest corner of Block 997 to the State-Federal boundary offshore Florida.

Group "C" X A rectangle in the Destin Dome Area with Block 20 as the northwest corner, Block 460 as the southwest corner, Block 468 as the southeast corner, and Block 28 as the northeast corner.

Group "D" X A rectangle in the Destin Dome and Apalachicola Areas with Destin Dome Block 29 as the northwest corner, Destin Dome Block 469 as the southwest corner, Apalachicola Block 443 as the southeast corner, and Apalachicola Block 3 as the northeast corner.

Group "E" X A group that includes a rectangle in the Destin Dome Area with Block 507 as the northwest corner, Block 771 as the southwest corner, Block 776 as the southeast corner, and Block 512 as the northeast corner, Destin Dome Blocks 969 and 973, and all the leased blocks in the DeSoto Canyon, Florida Middle Ground, Elbow, and Lloyd Ridge Areas.

Enclosed is an up-to-date list of the actual leased blocks in these groups.

#### **Drilling Window Schedule**

Under the drilling window scheme established in 1991 and in place since that time, the GOMR opens one group of leases every three months. Since the last established drilling window, the Fiftieth Drilling Window, closed on February 28, 2001, the GOMR, in consultation with the Air Force, hereby establishes the following schedule:

Group "E" opens as the Fifty-first Drilling Window effective March 1, 2001.

Group "A" will open as the Fifty-second Drilling Window effective June 1, 2001.

Group "B" will open as the Fifty-third Drilling Window effective September 1, 2001.

Group "C" will open as the Fifty-fourth Drilling Window effective Decmber 1, 2001.

Group "D" will open as the Fifty-fifth Drilling Window effective March 1, 2002.

If the GOMR receives any Exploration Plan or Development and Production Plan proposing operations in any of these groups of leases, we will consult with the Air Force and determine what changes, if any, we will make to this schedule to accommodate all those concerned.

#### **Effect of Drilling Window Approvals**

This section is provided according to 30 CFR 250.173(b) concerning suspensions of operations in the interest of national security or defense, 30 CFR 250.169(a) concerning lease term extensions, and 30 CFR 218.154(b) and (c) concerning payment of rentals and lease anniversary date.

A. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.173(b), the GOMR will direct a suspension of operations (SOO) and it will be in effect for all oil and gas leases that were obtained through Lease Sales Nos. 79, 94, and 116, contain Lease Stipulation No. 5, and are not located within an open drilling window. Similar suspensions will likewise be directed by separate letters of notification for all such leases not included in a future drilling window and will be effective as of the date of the opening of the drilling window. Any such SOO will terminate when the lease is included in an open drilling window pursuant to 30 CFR 250.170 (e).

- B. According to 30 CFR 250.169(a), the term of any affected lease will be extended for a period of time equal to the period that the SOO is in effect.
- C. According to 30 CFR 218.154(b), no payment of rental or minimum royalty will be required for or during the period of the SOO.
- D. According to 30 CFR 218.154(c), if the lease anniversary date occurs within a period that an SOO is in effect for which no rental or minimum royalty payments are required, the prorated rentals or minimum royalties are due and payable as of the date the SOO terminates. The anniversary date of the lease will not change by reason of any period of lease suspension or rental or royalty relief resulting therefrom.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The information referred to in this NTL is intended to provide clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR part 250, Subparts A and B. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements in these regulations under OMB control numbers 1010-0114 for Subpart A and 1010-0049 for Subpart B. This NTL does not impose any information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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Enclosure

## ENCLOSURE ACTIVE LEASES IN DRILLING WINDOW GROUPS

GROUP A		
Lease OCS-G8308	-PE 0904	Texaco Exploration and Production
Lease OCS-G8309	-PE 0906	Amoco Production Company
Lease OCS-G8310	-PE 0907	Amoco Production Company
Lease OCS-G8317	-PE 0989	Amoco Production Company
Lease OCS-G8318	-PE 0990	Amoco Production Company
Lease OCS-G8319	-PE 0991	Murphy Exploration & Production
Lease OCS-G10413	-PE 0945	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Lease OCS-G10414	-PE 0946	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Lease OCS-G10417	-PE 0988	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
GROUP B		
Lease OCS-G10404	-PE 0867	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10405	-PE 0868	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10408	-PE 0911	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10409	-PE 0912	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10410	-PE 0913	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10415	-PE 0957	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
GROUP C		
Lease OCS-G6432	-DD 0375	Murphy Exploration & Production
Lease OCS-G6433	-DD 0376	Murphy Exploration & Production
Lease OCS-G6436	-DD 0419	Murphy Exploration & Production
Lease OCS-G6440	-DD 0460	Murphy Exploration & Production
GROUP D		
Lease OCS-G6401	-DD 0037	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G6402	-DD 0038	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G6408	-DD 0081	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G6409	-DD 0082	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G8333	-DD 0077	Texaco Exploration and Production
Lease OCS-G8334	-DD 0078	Texaco Exploration and Production
Lease OCS-G8346	-DD 0208	Texaco Exploration and Production
Lease OCS-G10426	-DD 0253	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Lease OCS-G10427	-DD 0297	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Lease OCS-G10430	-AP 0177	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10431	-AP 0178	MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION

## **GROUP D (Continued)**

Lease OCS-G10451

-DC 0349

Lease OCS-G10432 -AP 0179 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Lease OCS-G10433 -AP 0222 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Lease OCS-G10434 -AP 0223 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Lease OCS-G10435 -AP 0266 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION

#### **GROUP E**

Lease OCS-G6442 -DD 0511 Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G6443 -DD 0555 Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G6444 -DD 0556 Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G6464 -DC 0427 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G6469 -DC 0472 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G6470 -DC 0476 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G6474 -DC 0516 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G6475 -DC 0517 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G6476 -DC 0520 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G6477 -DC 0521 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G8361 -FM 0411 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G8362 -FM 0412 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G8363 -FM 0455 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G8364 -FM 0456 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G8365 -FM 0499 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G8366 -FM 0500 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G8367 -FM 0543 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G8368 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. -FM 0587 Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G10428 -DD 0969 Lease OCS-G10429 -DD 0973 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G10436 -DC 0003 Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G10437 -DC 0004 -DC 0008 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Lease OCS-G10438 Lease OCS-G10439 -DC 0047 BP Exploration & Oil Inc. Lease OCS-G10440 -DC 0048 BP Exploration & Oil Inc. **Amoco Production Company** Lease OCS-G10441 -DC 0089 Lease OCS-G10442 -DC 0090 BP Exploration & Oil Inc. Lease OCS-G10443 -DC 0091 BP Exploration & Oil Inc. **Amoco Production Company** Lease OCS-G10444 -DC 0133 Lease OCS-G10445 -DC 0177 **Amoco Production Company** Lease OCS-G10446 -DC 0297 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10447 -DC 0298 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10448 -DC 0299 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10449 -DC 0343 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10450 -DC 0344 Chevron U.S.A. Inc.

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#### **GROUP E (Continued)** Lease OCS-G10452 -DC 0387 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10453 -DC 0388 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10454 -DC 0393 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10455 -DC 0426 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G10456 -DC 0432 Conoco/Murphy MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Lease OCS-G10457 -DC 0446 -DC 0447 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Lease OCS-G10458 Lease OCS-G10459 -DC 0470 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G10460 -DC 0471 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G10461 -DC 0475 Conoco/Murphy Lease OCS-G10462 -DC 0477 Conoco/Murphy Lease OCS-G10463 -DC 0515 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G10464 -DC 0519 Conoco/Murphy Lease OCS-G10465 -DC 0560 Conoco Inc. Lease OCS-G10466 -DC 0561 Conoco Inc. Murphy Exploration & Production Lease OCS-G10467 -DC 0662 Lease OCS-G10468 -DC 0666 Murphy Exploration & Production Murphy Exploration & Production Lease OCS-G10469 -DC 0793 Lease OCS-G10470 -DC 0794 Murphy Exploration & Production Lease OCS-G10471 -DC 0829 Conoco/Murphy Lease OCS-G10472 -DC 0830 Conoco/Murphy Lease OCS-G10473 -DC 0831 Conoco/Murphy Lease OCS-G10474 -DC 0837 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Lease OCS-G10475 -DC 0838 Murphy Exploration & Production Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G10476 -DC 0840 Lease OCS-G10477 -DC 0875 Conoco/Murphy Murphy Exploration & Production Lease OCS-G10478 -DC 0883 Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G10480 -DC 0927 -DC 0929 MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION Lease OCS-G10481 Lease OCS-G10482 -DC 0970 Texaco Exploration and Production Lease OCS-G10483 -DC 0971 Conoco/Murphy Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10484 -FM 0309 Lease OCS-G10485 -FM 0353 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Lease OCS-G10486 -LL 0001 Texaco Exploration and Production Texaco Exploration and Production Lease OCS-G10487 -LL 0002 Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G10488 -LL 0133 Marathon Oil Company Lease OCS-G10489 -LL 0134 Petrofina Delaware, Incorporated Lease OCS-G10490 -LL 0136 Lease OCS-G10491 -LL 0267 Murphy Exploration & Production

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Lease OCS-G10492

Lease OCS-G10493

Lease OCS-G10494

-LL 0268

-LL 0382

-LL 0383

### **GROUP E (Continued)**

Lease OCS-G10495	-LL 0427	MOBIL OIL EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION
Lease OCS-G10496	-LL 0511	Kerr-McGee Corporation
Lease OCS-G10497	-LL 0737	Kerr-McGee Corporation
Lease OCS-G10498	-EL 0273	Conoco/MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10499	-EL 0274	Conoco/MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10500	-EL 0317	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10501	-EL 0318	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10502	-EL 0319	Conoco/MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10503	-EL 0361	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10504	-EL 0362	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10505	-EL 0363	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10506	-EL 0364	Conoco/MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10507	-EL 0406	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10508	-EL 0407	Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Lease OCS-G10509	-EL 0408	Conoco/MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10510	-EL 0452	Conoco/MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10511	-EL 0840	MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10512	-EL 0841	MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10513	-EL 0884	MOBIL/Murphy
Lease OCS-G10514	-EL 0885	Marathon Oil Company