

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

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NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS LEASES AND  
PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT HOLDERS  
ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

**Payment Method for New and Existing Cost Recovery Fees**

This Notice to Lessees and Operators and Pipeline Right-of-way Grant Holders (NTL) is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103. This NTL is also issued pursuant to 30 CFR 251.3, to permittees that conduct geological and geophysical explorations on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), and pursuant to 30 CFR 280.3(c) to permittees that conduct operations other than oil, gas, and sulphur on the OCS.

This NTL supersedes NTL No. 2006-N04 and applies to all MMS OCS Regions.

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.125, 251.5, 256.63 and 280.12, you must pay non-refundable service fees to the Minerals Management Service (MMS). MMS applications and documents that require cost recovery fees must include either fee payments or proof of fee payment through the Pay.gov system.

Payment of new cost recovery fees is required for specified applications or other documents received by MMS on or after September 1, 2006 (effective through the final rule RIN 1010-AD23, published on July 19, 2006, link through <http://www.mms.gov/federalregister/2006.htm>). The table below lists both the new fees [marked with an asterisk] and the fees already in effect.

The United States Department of Treasury has enabled the Pay.gov system for fee payments associated with MMS applications and documents subject to cost recovery fees. Pay.gov allows applicants to pay electronically the non-refundable service fees listed below. The Pay.gov site will accept both credit card and Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments. Credit card or ACH payments for the filing fees will no longer be handled by the MMS regional offices.

Payment of the fees listed in the following table must accompany the submission of the application or document. MMS prefers and strongly urges applicants to pay their fees using credit card or ACH payments through the Pay.gov website. If you pay by credit card or ACH, you must include a copy of the Pay.gov confirmation receipt page with your application or document, or it will be returned to you without further processing.

You may access the Pay.gov website through links on the MMS website at:

<http://www.mms.gov/offshore/> or through the following links:

<http://www.mms.gov/offshore/paygov.htm> or Pay.gov at: <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/>.

MMS will continue to accept check payments at this time. Your checks should be made payable to: "Department of the Interior – Minerals Management Service" or "DOI-MMS" and must include your MMS company identification number.

<b>Application or Document</b>	<b>Required Service Fee Amount</b>	<b>30 CFR Citation</b>
Change in Designation of Operator.	\$150	§ 250.143
Suspension of Operations/Suspension of Production (SOO/SOP) Request.	\$1,800	§ 250.171
*Exploration Plan (EP).	\$3,250 For each surface location, no fee for revisions.	§ 250.211(d)
*Development and Production Plan (DPP) or Development Operations Coordination Document (DOCD).	\$3,750 For each well proposed, no fee for revisions.	§ 250.241(e)
*Deepwater Operations Plan (DWOP).	\$3,150	§ 250.292(p)
*Conservation Information Document (CID).	\$24,200	§ 250.296(a)
*Application for Permit to Drill (APD; Form MMS-123).	\$1,850 Initial applications only, no fee for revisions.	§ 250.410(d)(3); § 250.1617(a) § 250.513(b)
*Application for Permit to Modify (APM; Form MMS-124).	\$110	§ 250.465(b)(1); § 250.513(b)(5); § 250.613(b)(4); § 250.1618(a); § 250.1704(g)
*New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with more than 125 components.	\$4,750 A component is a piece of equipment or ancillary system that is protected by one or more of the safety devices required by API RP 14C (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198). (Additional fee of \$12,500 will be charged if MMS deems it necessary to visit a facility offshore; and \$6,500 to visit a facility in a shipyard).	§ 250.802(e)(7)
*New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with 25–125 components.	\$1,150 (Additional fee of \$7,850 will be charged if MMS deems it necessary to visit a facility offshore; and \$4,500 to visit a facility in a shipyard).	§ 250.802(e)(7)
*New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with fewer than 25 components.	\$570	§ 250.802(e)(7)
*Production Safety System Modification Application – Review of a modification application for a facility with more than 125 components.	\$530	§ 250.802(e)(7)
*Production Safety System Modification Application – Review of modification application for a facility with 25–125 components.	\$190	§ 250.802(e)(7)

<b>Application or Document</b>	<b>Required Service Fee Amount</b>	<b>30 CFR Citation</b>
*Production Safety System Modification Application – Review of a modification application for a facility with fewer than 25 components.	\$80	§ 250.802(e)(7)
*Platform Application – Installation – Under the Platform Verification Program.	\$19,900	§ 250.905(k)
*Platform Application – Installation – Fixed Structure Under the Platform Approval Program.	\$2,850	§ 250.905(k)
*Platform Application – Installation – Caisson/Well Protector Under the Platform Approval Program.	\$1,450	§ 250.905(k)
*Platform Application – Modification/Repair.	\$3,400	§ 250.905(k)
* Application for a New Lease Term Pipeline.	\$3,100	§ 250.1000(b)(1)
* Application to Modify a Lease Term Pipeline.	\$1,800	§ 250.1000(b)(1)
*Application to Modify a Right-of-Way (ROW) Pipeline and/or Application to Modify the Pipeline ROW Grant. <sup>1</sup>	\$3,650 Includes an application to install or modify an associated accessory.	§ 250.1000(b)(2) and (3)
*Pipeline Repair Notification.	\$340	§ 250.1008(e)
Application for a New ROW Pipeline and Application for the Pipeline ROW Grant.	\$2,350 Includes an application to install or modify an associated accessory.	§ 250.1000(b)(2) § 250.1015(a)
Application for a Pipeline ROW Grant to Convert a Lease Term to an ROW Pipeline.	\$200	§ 250.1015(a)
Pipeline ROW Grant Assignment.	\$170	§ 250.1018(b)
500 Feet From Lease/Unit Line Production Request.	\$3,300	§ 250.1101
Gas Cap Production Request.	\$4,200	§ 250.1101
Downhole Commingling Request.	\$4,900	§ 250.1106
*Complex Surface Commingling and Measurement Application.	\$3,550	§ 250.1202(a); § 250.1203(b); § 250.1204(a)
*Simple Surface Commingling and Measurement Application.	\$1,200	§ 250.1202(a); § 250.1203(b); § 250.1204(a)
Voluntary Unitization Proposal or Unit Expansion.	\$10,700	§ 250.1303
Unitization Revision.	\$760	§ 250.1303
*Application to Remove a Platform or Other Facility.	\$4,100	§ 250.1727

<sup>1</sup> An application to modify a pipeline ROW grant was treated as part of an accompanying application to modify a ROW pipeline when MMS calculated its costs for this fee.

Application or Document	Required Service Fee Amount	30 CFR Citation
*Application to Decommission a Lease Term Pipeline.	\$1,000	§ 250.1751(a) or § 250.1752(a)
*Application to Decommission an ROW Pipeline and Application to Relinquish the Pipeline ROW Grant. <sup>2</sup>	\$1,900 Includes an application to decommission an associated accessory.	§ 250.1751(a) or § 250.1752(a) or § 250.1000(b)(3)
*Geological and Geophysical Permits (Form MMS-327).	\$1,900	§ 251.5(a)
Record Title/Operating Rights (Transfer).	\$170	§ 256.64(a)(8)
Non-required Document Filing.	\$25	§ 256.64(a)(8)
*Prospecting Permits (Form MMS-134).	\$1,900	§ 280.12(a)

\*Effective September 1, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> An application to relinquish the pipeline ROW grant was treated as part of an accompanying application to decommission a ROW pipeline when MMS calculated its costs for this fee.


### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3504 et seq.) requires us to inform you that MMS collects the information and the fees associated with this rulemaking to carry out its responsibilities under the OCS Lands Act, as amended. MMS is collecting fees to offset MMS's costs of performing certain services relating to its minerals programs. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number. The OMB has approved the collection of information for the affected regulations and assigned OMB Control Numbers 1010-0114, 1010-0151, 1010-0141, 1010-0067, 1010-0043, 1010-0059, 1010-0149, 1010-0050, 1010-0041, 1010-0051, 1010-0068, 1010-0086, 1010-0142, 1010-0048, 1010-0006, and 1010-0072. 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, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

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