

**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**

**Departure for Meter Proving, Meter Calibrations, and Well Tests Due to
Force Majeure Events**

Due to force majeure events, such as hurricanes, which cause disruption to OCS operations, we are implementing a temporary measure related to the requirements for meter proving, gas meter calibrations, and well testing. Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.142, departures are granted to the requirements contained in 30 CFR 250.1202(d)(3), 1202(k)(3), 1202(k)(4), 1203(c)(1), and 1204(b)(1) subject to the following stipulations:

- When a force majeure event precludes the required meter proving/calibration in accordance with 30 CFR 250.1202(d)(3), 1202(k)(3), 1202(k)(4), or 1203(c)(1), meters must be proved/calibrated within 15 days after being returned to service.
- When a force majeure event precludes the required bimonthly well test (or other testing frequency approved by the Regional Supervisor) in accordance with CFR 250.1204(b)(1), well tests must be conducted within 15 days after production is restored.

Please note that you are not required to contact this office to obtain departure approvals under this NTL.

Contact

If you have specific questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Joseph at (504) 736-2552 or Mr. Fred Jacobs at (504) 736-2424.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The information collection referred to in this NTL is intended to provide clarification relating to general departure requirements due to force majeure events. This regulatory requirement is contained in 30 CFR 250, subpart A. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements in this regulation under OMB Control Number 1010-0114. This NTL does not impose any additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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