

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

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**NOTICE TO PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS  
IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF  
GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

**Air Emissions Information for Applications for  
Accessory Platforms to Pipeline Rights-of-way**

This Notice to Lessees and Operators is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.4(b), which authorizes the Minerals Management Service to issue written orders to govern pipeline right-of-way operations.

Sufficient information to determine the air quality impacts from accessory platforms to pipeline rights-of-way must be available so that the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR), pursuant to 30 CFR 250.5(a) and 30 CFR 250.161(a), can ensure that unreasonable harm or damage to the marine, coastal, or human environment will be prevented and so that the GOMR can adequately prepare the necessary National Environmental Policy Act documentation as required by 30 CFR 250.161(a). Therefore, effective immediately, all applications for new and modified accessory platforms to pipeline rights-of-way shall include the following information:

1) If the accessory platform is to contain no combustion emission sources, then only tug/construction/service vessel traffic and fugitive emission information needs to be provided. This information can be presented in text, table, or spreadsheet format, which shall include:

- (A) The rated horsepower of each tug/construction/service vessel.
- (B) The number of vessel trips per year.
- (C) The time that each vessel is within 25 miles of the platform.
- (D) An estimate of the number of component connections (e.g., fittings, valves, flanges) for fugitive emission estimation.
- (E) The capacity of hydrocarbon storage tanks and their average daily and annual throughput.

(F) Documentation of any emission control technologies employed for which credit is desired.

2) If the accessory platform is to contain any combustion emission source, use the emission spreadsheets prepared by the API/OOC Gulf of Mexico Air Quality Task Force (these spreadsheets were included with the GOMR LTL dated May 5, 1994, and are attached) to provide air emissions information. This information shall include:

(A) The rated horsepower of each tug/construction/service vessel.

(B) The number of vessel trips per year.

(C) The time that each vessel is within 25 miles of the platform.

(D) The rated horsepower of each combustion emission source installed on the platform and a short description of its use (e.g., crane, compressor, generator, dehydrator).

(E) The run time for each emission source identified in (D) above, quantified by hours/day and days/year.

(F) An estimate of the number of component connections (e.g., fittings, valves, flanges) on the platform for fugitive emission estimation.

(G) The capacity of hydrocarbon storage tanks and their average daily and annual throughput.

(H) The average hourly and annual throughput of gas through glycol dehydrators.

(I) Documentation of any emission control technologies employed for which credit is desired.

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Attachment

***[Note: The accompanying attachment was created in xlw files. These cannot be incorporated or attached to this NTL; therefore, the xlw file is dispatched separately. If***

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