

**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, GAS, AND SULPHUR
LEASES IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

Meteorological Data Collection and Reporting
(Breton National Wildlife Refuge/Wilderness Area)

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) supersedes NTL No. 99-G03, dated March 12, 1999. It makes minor technical amendments, refers to the approved joint industry-wide meteorological data collection plan, and amends the data collection period.

Some interests are concerned that emissions from OCS activities may be significantly affecting the air quality of the Breton National Wildlife Refuge/Wilderness Area (BWA), a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Class I Area. To determine whether or not this is the case, the Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) has decided to perform an air quality analysis. An essential step in performing this analysis is to collect meteorological data that coincides with an air pollutant emissions inventory.

Accordingly, under the authority of 30 CFR 250.303(l), 30 CFR 250.304(h), 30 CFR 250.203(o), and 30 CFR 250.204(s), lessees and operators of each lease located within 100 kilometers of the BWA (see the Attachment for a list of affected OCS blocks) must collect and report surface and upper air meteorological data for each affected lease as detailed in the joint industry-wide meteorological plan, *Data Collection Plan for Breton Aerometric Monitoring Program (BAMP) II*, approved by the MMS GOMR on March 27, 2000.

The MMS GOMR needs one full year of concurrent data to conduct the air quality analysis. The BAMP network began collecting meteorological data on September 1, 2000. Therefore, continue the data collection through August 31, 2001.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The information collection provisions of this NTL are intended to provide clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 250, Subparts B and C. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements for these regulations and assigned OMB Control Nos. 1010-0049 and 1010-0057, respectively. This NTL does not impose additional collection information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Contact

Contact Ms. Terry Scholten of this office at (504) 736-2786 if you have any questions concerning this NTL.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris C. Oynes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

for Chris C. Oynes
Regional Director

Attachment

ATTACHMENT

List of Affected OCS Blocks

<u>Area Name</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Block Numbers</u>
Bay Marchand	BM	2
Breton Sound	BS	24, 25, 39-44, 53-56
Chandeleur	CA	1, 3-5, 8-44
Destin Dome	DD	1, 45, 89, 133, 177, 221
Grand Isle	GI	15-48, 52-59, 65-69, 79
Mississippi Canyon	MC	20-34, 63-77, 103-104, 107-121, 147-163, 190-206, 234-249, 277-292, 316-334, 360-363, 363A, 364-376, 408-416
Mobile	MO	765-767, 778-779, 809-824, 826-830, 853-874, 897-918, 942-962, 987-1006
Main Pass	MP	6, 7, 17-20, 27-30, 37-44, 55-65, 68-74, 77, 78, 86-252, 257-316
Pensacola	PE	881, 925, 969
South Pass	SP	6, 17-19, 27-29, 31-39, 42-96
Viosca Knoll	VK	20-38, 65-82, 109-126, 154-170, 201-214, 246-258, 292-302, 338-346, 383-390, 427-434, 473-477, 518-521, 564-565, 692-695, 734-739, 772-782, 813-825, 856-868, 898-911, 940-954, 983-997
West Delta	WD	16-50, 56-81, 85-136, 139-154