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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**

**Procedures and Policies Concerning Transition
Period for Use of the New Semiannual Well Test Report Form**

The final rule published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 58, No. 184, dated September 24, 1993, describes the newly revised Minerals Management Service (MMS) reporting forms and associated regulation changes which are effective October 25, 1993. Among these newly approved forms is the Form MMS-128, "Semiannual Well Test Report," which is replacing the previous Forms MMS-1869, "Quarterly Oil Well Test Report," and MMS-1870, "Semiannual Gas Well Test Report."

Along with the new forms comes a significant change in the reporting requirements for oil-well tests. Previously, operators were required to submit at least one well test per quarter for each producing oil-well completion on Form MMS-1869 to revise and maintain the MPR's. Effective October 25, 1993, only one well test per semiannual period will be required for all producing well completions, including oil-well completions. Therefore, the required oil-well test submitted for each producing oil-well completion for the quarterly period July 1 through September 30, 1993, will fulfill the minimum requirement for the semiannual period July 1 through December 31, 1993. An additional oil-well test for the fourth quarter of 1993 is not required except to increase the approved MPR if necessary. In accordance with the new regulation, after December 31, 1993, at least one well test shall be submitted during each calendar half for producing oil-well and gas-well completions on Form MMS-128.

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