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

Production Activities Information Collection and Reporting (Western Gulf of Mexico)

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) supersedes NTL No. 99-G15, dated June 30, 1999. It makes minor technical amendments, changes the second workshop date, and changes the information reporting date.

The Environmental Protection Agency recently promulgated new, more stringent ambient air quality standards for ozone and is drafting regulations dealing with regional haze. These regulations will require State agencies to perform modeling for ozone and regional haze for use in their State Implementation Plans. The States must have information for the year 2000 on OCS activities in the western Gulf of Mexico (that portion of the OCS west of 87° 30' West longitude) for input into their ozone and regional haze models. Therefore, under the authority of 30 CFR 250.303(k), 30 CFR 250.304(g), 30 CFR 250.203(o), and 30 CFR 250.204(s), the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) directed lessees and operators of each affected OCS lease in the Gulf of Mexico (in NTL No. 99-G15) to collect and report facility, equipment, fuel usage, and other information during the period January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.

The GOMR has placed the following on the Internet MMS GOMR website at <u>http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/airquality/goad.html</u>: (1) the procedures for collecting and reporting your OCS activity information and (2) a guide to the software you will use to report this information to the GOMR before June 29, 2001.

In addition, the GOMR will hold a workshop on March 15, 2001, to discuss and explain the information entry and reporting procedures. We will also provide you with copies of the information reporting software. You are invited to attend this workshop, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of the GOMR located at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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 current information collection requirements for these regulations and assigned OMB Control Nos. 1010-0049 and 1010-0057, respectively. This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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