

**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 GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

Gas Volume Statement Requirements

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is implementing the gas production verification program. Currently, the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) will focus only on verifying production for the sales (royalty) meters. Under the requirements at 30 CFR 250.1203 (formerly 30 CFR 250.183), Gas Measurement, we request that you submit copies of the monthly gas volume statements for sales meters used to determine gas sold and/or transferred. The following guidance will apply in the GOMR.

A gas volume statement is a monthly statement showing gas measurement data, including the volume (MCF) and quality (Btu) of natural gas that flowed through the meter. That statement must include at least the following:

1. Gas recorder serial number, Facility Measurement Point (FMP) number, date of the reading.
2. The monthly total of gas sold and/or transferred (transport lease gas) through the meter. If the gas volume statement does not contain these figures, please describe the calculations used to arrive at these figures. If additional information is required for the calculations, please include such data when submitting the monthly gas volume statements.
3. Show whether gas volume and gross Btu heating value are reported at saturated or unsaturated conditions. Submitting a chromatographic report (compositional gas analysis) will be acceptable if it contains such information. (30 CFR 202.152, 250.1203)

The MMS, GOMR office requires that you submit these gas volume statements initially only for the months of July and August 1998. You must submit the gas volume statements to Paul Marsh of this office no later than September 30, 1998.

Please provide us the name and telephone number of the contact person for this subject matter. You may direct any questions on this to Paul Marsh (504) 736-2673.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement: The collection of information referred to in this notice provides clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 250, subpart L. The Office of Management and Budget has approved the collection of information required by these regulations and assigned OMB control number 1010-0051. This notice does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.



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