

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

NTL No. 98-9N (Addendum 1)

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NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR
LEASES IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

**Redesignation of 30 CFR Part 250--Oil and Gas and Sulphur
Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf**

On June 1, 1998, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) issued Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) 98-9N which announced a final rule that rennumbers all of the sections in 30 CFR part 250 (referred to as the redesignation rule). NTL 98-9N also provided an additional 90 days after the June 30, 1998, effective date of the rule during which MMS will accept your applications, plans, etc. (submissions) containing references to either the former section numbers or the redesignated section numbers.

We have received several requests to extend the implementation schedule for an additional 90 days. We also recognize that the bound version of the Code of Federal Regulations incorporating the redesignation rule will probably not be available until mid to late September. In addition, the American Petroleum Institute (API), on behalf of its members, requested that we clarify our intentions with respect to approvals or disapprovals of your submissions that contain the former citations. Therefore, through this addendum to NTL 98-9N, we are:

- Clarifying that we will not disapprove any submissions just because they contain the former citation numbers rather than referencing the redesignated citations.
- Extending the implementation date until December 31, 1998. During this period, we will continue to accept your submissions which might contain references to the former section numbers of 30 CFR part 250. After this date, MMS may require you to correct the citations and resubmit the documents. This could result in delays in approving your submissions.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kumkum Ray at (703) 787-1600.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement: This notice does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requirements in the current 30 CFR part 250 regulations and related forms have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

This NTL is also on the MMS worldwide website at <http://www.mms.gov>.



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Dated:

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