

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY
MANAGEMENT**

NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL, GAS, AND
SULPHUR LEASES, OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS
REGION

BOEM NTL No. 2012-G01

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Drilling Windows, Eastern Gulf of Mexico

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) supersedes BOEM NTL No. 2011-G01 on this subject. It provides a new schedule for the drilling window program, and a website address for a map that shows the areas covered by the drilling window program.

Drilling Window Program

In 1991, the Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR) of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), now the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), after consultation with the U.S. Air Force, established a drilling window program to stagger exploration activities on oil and gas leases that were obtained through Lease Sales Nos. 79, 94, and 116, and that contain Lease Stipulation No. 5. In accordance with this lease stipulation, the drilling window program ensures that exploration activities can be conducted predictably, safely, and in an orderly manner, without interfering with scheduled military activities or jeopardizing the national defense mission.

The drilling window program divides the subject leases into four groups by geographic area, designated as Groups "A," "B," "D," and "E." For a map showing these geographic areas, refer to the BOEM GOMR Internet Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/Notices-To-Lessees/2012/Eastern-Gulf-of-Mexico-Drilling-Windows.aspx>. The Attachment to this NTL provides an up-to-date list of the leased blocks in these groups that includes the number of days remaining in the primary terms of each lease.

Drilling Window Schedule

Under the drilling window scheme established in 1991, and in place since that time, the BOEM GOMR usually opens one group of leases every three months. Since the last established drilling window, the Ninety-sixth Drilling Window, closed on November 30, 2012, the BOEM GOMR, in consultation with the Air Force, hereby establishes the following schedule:

- Group "E" will open as the Ninety-seventh Drilling Window, effective December 1, 2012, closing February 28, 2013.

- Group "A" will open as the Ninety-eighth Drilling Window, effective March 1, 2013, closing May 31, 2013.
- Group "B" will open as the Ninety-ninth Drilling Window, effective June 1, 2013, closing August 31, 2013.
- Group "D" will open as the One hundredth Drilling Window, effective September 1, 2013, closing November 30, 2013.

If the BOEM GOMR receives any Exploration Plans or Development and Production Plans proposing operations in any of these groups of leases, we will consult with the Air Force and determine what changes, if any, we will make to this schedule to accommodate all those concerned.

Guidance Document Statement

The BOEM issues NTLs as guidance documents in accordance with 30 CFR 550.103 to clarify, supplement, and provide more detail about certain BOEM regulatory requirements, and to outline the information you provide in your various submittals. Under that authority, this NTL sets forth a policy on and an interpretation of a regulatory requirement that provides a clear and consistent approach to complying with that requirement. However, if you wish to use an alternative approach for compliance, you may do so, after you receive approval from the appropriate BOEM office under 30 CFR 550.141.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The information referred to in this NTL provides clarification, description, and interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 550 Subparts A and B. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements in these regulations under OMB Control Numbers 1010-0114 and 1010-0151, respectively. This NTL does not impose any other information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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DRILLING WINDOWS NTL REPORT

Group	Lease	Area	Block	Days Used	Days Remaining
A	G10413	PE	945	1764	62
A	G10414	PE	946	1764	62
A	G10417	PE	988	1764	62
B	G10404	PE	867	1679	147
B	G10405	PE	868	1679	147
B	G10408	PE	911	1679	147
B	G10409	PE	912	1679	147
B	G10410	PE	913	1679	147
B	G10415	PE	957	1679	147
D	G10426	DD	253	1725	101
D	G10427	DD	297	1725	101
D	G10430	AP	177	1725	101
D	G10431	AP	178	1725	101
D	G10432	AP	179	1725	101
D	G10433	AP	222	1725	101
D	G10434	AP	223	1725	101
D	G10435	AP	266	1725	101
E	G08361	FM	411	1672	154
E	G08362	FM	412	1672	154
E	G08363	FM	455	1672	154
E	G08364	FM	456	1672	154
E	G08365	FM	499	1672	154
E	G08366	FM	500	1672	154
E	G08367	FM	543	1672	154
E	G08368	FM	587	1672	154
E	G10446	DC	297	1700	126
E	G10447	DC	298	1700	126
E	G10448	DC	299	1700	126
E	G10449	DC	343	1700	126
E	G10450	DC	344	1700	126
E	G10451	DC	349	1700	126
E	G10452	DC	387	1700	126
E	G10453	DC	388	1700	126
E	G10454	DC	393	1700	126
E	G10455	DC	426	1821	1099
E	G10456	DC	432	1821	4
E	G10459	DC	470	1821	1099
E	G10460	DC	471	1821	1099

E	G10461	DC	475	1821	4
E	G10462	DC	477	1821	4
E	G10463	DC	515	1821	1099
E	G10464	DC	519	1821	1099
E	G10465	DC	560	1821	1099
E	G10466	DC	561	1821	1099
E	G10471	DC	829	1821	1099
E	G10472	DC	830	1821	1099
E	G10473	DC	831	1821	1099
E	G10477	DC	875	1821	1099
E	G10484	FM	309	1700	126
E	G10485	FM	353	1700	126
E	G10493	LL	382	1580	2073
E	G10494	LL	383	1580	2073
E	G10495	LL	427	1580	2073
E	G10496	LL	511	1580	2073
E	G10497	LL	737	1580	2073
E	G10498	EL	273	1640	1280
E	G10499	EL	274	1640	1280
E	G10500	EL	317	1518	2135
E	G10501	EL	318	1518	308
E	G10502	EL	319	1640	1280
E	G10503	EL	361	1518	2135
E	G10504	EL	362	1518	308
E	G10505	EL	363	1518	308
E	G10506	EL	364	1640	1280
E	G10507	EL	406	1518	2135
E	G10508	EL	407	1518	308
E	G10509	EL	408	1640	1280
E	G10510	EL	452	1640	1280
E	G10511	EL	840	1518	2135
E	G10512	EL	841	1518	2135
E	G10513	EL	884	1518	2135
E	G10514	EL	885	1518	2135