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GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

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NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL, GAS,
AND SULPHUR LEASES AND PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS,
OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

2014 Gulfwide OCS Emissions Inventory (Western Gulf of Mexico)

This Notice to Lessees and Operators and Pipeline Right-of-Way Holders (NTL) instructs lessees, lease operators, rights-of-use and easement (RUE) holders and pipeline right-of-way (ROW) holders what production activity information to collect and submit (facility, equipment, fuel usage, etc.) for use in the 2014 Gulfwide Emissions Inventory and where they can find submission instructions and software for providing the activity reports necessary for compliance with 30 CFR 550.304.

Background

In 2000, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) prepared a Gulfwide Emissions Inventory. BOEM prepared subsequent inventories in 2005, 2008, and 2011. With this NTL, BOEM is working toward preparation of its 2014 Gulfwide Emissions Inventory to ensure compliance with section 5(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. § 1334(a), and regulations at 30 CFR 550.304. This reporting cycle also corresponds with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) onshore periodic emissions inventory and will assist States and regional planning organizations with modeling for State Implementation Plan demonstrations.

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) specify that States are to prepare air emission inventories every 3 years, starting in 1996. The timing of the collection and compilation of BOEM's air emissions inventory assures coordination of air pollution control regulation between the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) emissions and emissions in adjacent onshore areas under section 328(b) of the 1990 CAAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7627(b). The information obtained under this NTL allows BOEM to determine OCS facility emissions and use that data to coordinate with USEPA and coastal states. The inventory also will be used to augment, where appropriate, BOEM's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review by providing a more accurate inventory with which to compute emission trends and to perform necessary air quality impact assessments. Lastly, the 2014 emissions data derived from information provided under this NTL will be made available to OCS lessees, lease operators, and RUE and ROW holders to assist with their mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases to the USEPA.

Collecting and Reporting Information

BOEM's GOMR and the States need information with respect to 2014 OCS activities in the Gulf of Mexico Central and Western Planning areas (that portion of the OCS west of 87° 30' West longitude), which will coincide with 2014 State emission inventories. GOMR lessees, lease operators, and holders of each RUE and pipeline ROW that includes an accessory structure in the western Gulf of Mexico, are to collect and report activity information including facility, equipment, and fuel usage during the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. This activity information needed is more specifically delineated and described in the 2014 Gulfwide Offshore Activities Data System (GOADS-2014) software, online Users Guide, and other online information referenced below.

BOEM will calculate emissions data using the activity information provided under this NTL. The calculations will result in a 2014 inventory of emissions data for NAAQS criteria pollutants: carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), lead (Pb), particulate matter-10 (PM₁₀), particulate matter-2.5 (PM_{2.5}), and all volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including exempted compounds (40 CFR 51.100). BOEM will also calculate emission data for an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions (carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O)).

The collection and submission of this OCS activity data is to be done by using the GOADS-2014 software. The GOADS-2014 works on IBM compatible personal computers equipped with Microsoft Windows 2000, NT, XP, VISTA, or Windows 7 operating systems.

On November 1, 2013, BOEM's GOMR will place the following on its Internet homepage at <http://www.boem.gov/Gulfwide-Offshore-Activity-Data-System-GOADS/>:

- (1) This NTL;
- (2) GOADS-2014 Software, which will be used to collect and report your OCS activity data;
- (3) GOADS-2014 User's Guide;
- (4) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's);
- (5) How to Submit Emissions Reports; and
- (6) Technical Support/Updates.

Submit all activity data to BOEM's GOMR at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123 by April 15, 2015. All structures must be reported; there are no exempt facilities for this effort.

Authority

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) derives its authority for requiring emissions monitoring and reporting from section 5(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. § 1334(a), and regulations at 30 CFR 550.304.

Guidance Document Statement

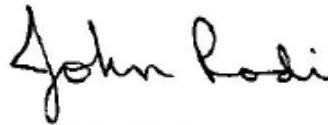
BOEM issues NTLs as guidance documents in accordance with 30 CFR 550.103 to clarify, supplement, and provide more detail about certain BOEM regulatory requirements and to outline the information you provide in your various submittals. Under that authority, this NTL sets forth a policy on and an interpretation of a regulatory requirement that provides a clear and consistent approach to complying with that requirement. However, if you wish to use an alternate 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 collection provisions of this notice are intended to provide clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 550, Subparts B and C. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the current information collection requirements for these regulations and has assigned OMB Control Numbers 1010-0151 and 1010-0057, respectively. This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Contact

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