

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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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
IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

Hurricane and Tropical Storm Evacuation and Production Curtailment Statistics

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103 and supersedes NTL No. 2005-G15, effective September 21, 2005, on this subject. It modifies Form MMS-132, Hurricane and Tropical Storm Evacuation and Production Curtailment Statistics, to provide for statistics regarding the number of platforms and drilling rigs not evacuated, and provides an electronic means of submitting Form MMS-132 and the facility shut-in report.

Background

Under 30 CFR 250.192, you must submit statistics to the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) regarding evacuation of personnel and curtailment of production because of hurricanes, tropical storms, or other natural disasters. The MMS GOMR uses these data to work interactively with the U.S. Coast Guard on rescue needs and oil spills and to notify the news media and interested public entities that monitor shut-in production.

Definition

Evacuation means the removal of all personnel (both essential and non-essential) from a platform or drilling rig.

E-mail Submittal

A. Form MMS-132. Complete [Form MMS-132](#) (see the Attachment to this NTL). This form specifies the information that the MMS GOMR collects when platforms and drilling rigs are evacuated and/or production is curtailed because of a storm. On the form, include only those platforms and drilling rigs that are fully evacuated and those that are not evacuated. This form is available at the MMS Internet website at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/mmsforms/frmindx.html>; however, we suggest that you maintain copies of the form in your office in the event the website is not available.

B. Facility shut-in report. In addition to Form MMS-132, provide the MMS GOMR with a report regarding each facility that remains shut in because of storm damage. Include in the report:

1. Platform name;
2. Daily oil production (BPD);
3. Cumulative oil shut in (barrels);
4. Daily natural gas production (MMSCFPD);
5. Cumulative natural gas shut in (MMSCF);
6. Anticipated time to return to production (days); and
7. Reason for shut in (facility damage or transportation system damage).

C. Submittal. E-mail Form MMS-132 and the facility shut-in report to the MMS GOMR at evacstats@mms.gov before 11:00 a.m. daily during the period of evacuation and shut-in. If you are unable to e-mail the information, telefax them to the MMS Herndon Office at 703-787-1093. If you are unable to transmit the information to the MMS Herndon Office by either e-mail or telefax, call (703) 787-1598.

D. Damage reports. If you are providing daily facility shut-in reports as described above, do not also report this same information in your damage reports to the MMS GOMR District Supervisor.

E. Resumption of production. Under 30 CFR 250.192(c), you must notify the MMS when you resume production. Use the above e-mail address or telefax numbers in the same order of preference to make this notification.

Electronic Submittal

A. General. Under 30 CFR 250.190(a)(3), you may submit digital data when MMS is equipped to accept it. In 2004, the MMS GOMR developed the eWell Permitting and Reporting System (see NTL No. 2004-G10) to provide this capability for well information. Use of this Internet-based system has greatly increased the efficiency of the transactions between OCS lessees and operators and the MMS GOMR.

The MMS GOMR has now developed an enhancement to the eWell Permitting and Reporting System that provides you with the capability of electronically submitting both the information on Form MMS-132 and the facility shut-in report via a secure Internet site. You will be able to use this system to provide the information in lieu of submitting paper forms. We strongly encourage you to use this new feature. We believe it will provide an easier and more reliable reporting method, facilitate better business transactions, and provide for timelier decision making and information dissemination.

This new section in the eWell Permitting and Reporting System, entitled "Hurricane Reports," will become operational on June 15, 2006. This section is divided into five individual reports

1. Platform Damage Report;
2. Pipeline Damage Report;
3. Rig Damage Report;
4. Pollution Report; and
5. Platform/Rig Evacuation and Production Curtailment Report.

If the “Hurricane Reports” Section in the eWell Permitting and Reporting System is not functioning or is otherwise not available, submit Form MMS-132 and the facility shut-in report by e-mail or telefax as described above.

B. Procedures. Those lessees and operators and pipeline right-of-way (ROW) holders interested in participating in this online system must apply to the MMS GOMR in order to designate a company representative to receive administrative entitlements. Attached to [NTL No. 2004-G10](#) is an “Application Manual,” which provides information and guidance on obtaining access to the eWell Permitting and Reporting System. Those companies that are currently using the eWell Permitting and Reporting System need not reapply unless they intend to add new users specifically responsible for submitting the hurricane reports.

C. Workshops. The MMS GOMR has scheduled two workshops to acquaint you with the “Hurricane Reports” Section of the eWell Permitting and Reporting System. These workshops are for both current users and new applicants and will be held as follows:

| | First Workshop | Second Workshop |
|--------------|--|---|
| Date | Tuesday, June 6, 2006 | Thursday, June 8, 2006 |
| Time | 9:00 am to 12:00 noon | 9:00 am to 12:00 noon |
| Place | Minerals Management Service 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd. Room 111 New Orleans, Louisiana 70123 | Minerals Management Service 4141 North Sam Houston Parkway East Suite 104 Houston, Texas 77032 |

To register for one of these free workshops, please contact either Ms. Suzie Winstead by telephone at (504) 736-2504 or by e-mail at suzanne.winstead@mms.gov, or Ms. Julie Camp at (504) 736-2505 or by e-mail to julie.camp@mms.gov.

Miscellaneous

A. Whether you submit Form MMS-132 and the facility shut-in report by e-mail or use the “Hurricane Reports” Section in the eWell Permitting and Reporting System, do not report any production that may still be shut in due to hurricanes that occurred during 2004 or 2005.

B. During or after a storm, refer to the MMS website at <http://www.mms.gov> for further information or instructions.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The information collection referred to in this NTL is intended to provide clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 250, Subpart A - General, Form MMS-132, and associated reports. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements in these regulations under OMB control number 1010-0114. This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Contacts

If you have any questions regarding this NTL, please contact Mr. Fred Hefren of the Technical Assessment and Operations Support Section by telephone at (504) 736-2924 or by e-mail at fred.hefren@mms.gov or Mr. Bob Lanza of the New Orleans District at (504) 736-2450 or by e-mail at robert.lanza@mms.gov.

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Attachment

HURRICANE AND TROPICAL STORM EVACUATION AND PRODUCTION CURTAILMENT STATISTICS GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION (GOMR)

**SEND COMPLETED FORM VIA E-MAIL OR TELEFAX BEFORE 11:00 A.M. DAILY
DURING THE PERIOD OF EVACUATION AND SHUT-IN TO:**

E-MAIL: EVACSTATS@MMS.GOV

**FAX: GOMR (Primary) - (504) 736-2941
GOMR (Alternate) - (504) 736-2426
MMS Headquarters (if GOMR office is closed) - (703) 787-1093**

Name of Hurricane or Tropical Storm: _____

Company: _____

Contact: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

EVACUATION STATISTICS BY GOMR DISTRICT OFFICE

| TYPE OF FACILITY | Lake Jackson | Lake Charles | Lafayette | Houma | New Orleans | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| No. of platforms evacuated | | | | | | |
| No. of drilling rigs evacuated | | | | | | |
| No. of platforms <u>not</u> evacuated | | | | | | |
| No. of drilling rigs <u>not</u> evacuated | | | | | | |

PRODUCTION SHUT-IN STATISTICS BY GOMR DISTRICT OFFICE

| TYPE OF PRODUCTION | Lake Jackson | Lake Charles | Lafayette | Houma | New Orleans | TOTAL |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Oil (BOPD) | | | | | | |
| Gas (MMSCFD) | | | | | | |

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) requires us to inform you that MMS collects this information to be informed when operations and production are disrupted due to hurricanes or natural disasters. MMS uses this information to notify the Coast Guard in case of rescue needs and oil spills; to monitor when production is shut in and when resumed; and to notify the news media and interested public entities. Responses are mandatory (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.). No proprietary information is collected. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 4230, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.