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

**Directional and Inclination Survey Data Submission Requirements**

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103 and replaces NTL 2004-N03. It applies to all wells that are spud after the effective date. In this NTL, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) defines the data exchange format on how lessees/operators (you) submit directional surveys required by 30 CFR 250.461, 468, and 469.

As stated in NTL 2006 G-16, submit to MMS one digital copy of the final composite directional survey. Submit the digital copy on a compact disc using the MMS ASCII format, including all header and data items as shown in Attachment 1, "Exchange Format for Directional Surveys." The header and data records are necessary to ensure complete, accurate wellbore data and will facilitate the use of industry data exchange standards. The table in Attachment 1 shows the Data Type code equivalents (e.g., H0130) for the *United Kingdom Offshore Operators Association (UKOOA) Data Exchange Format for Well Deviation Data, P7/2000 Standard*.

The MMS collects, verifies, and stores data by the well's unique 12-digit API number that is assigned by the MMS. The MMS uses the data collected to make informed regulatory decisions based on your timely submittal of a complete comprehensive package clearly labeled with the appropriate API numbers and contact information.

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This NTL can be found on the MMS website at <http://www.mms.gov>. For directional survey information refer to:

<http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/mmsforms/REPHANDBK DIRSVY.pdf>

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Sincerely,



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Associate Director for  
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Attachments

## EXCHANGE FORMAT FOR DIRECTIONAL SURVEYS

An example of a complete MMS ASCII file is shown Attachment 2. The first column in the table below represents the equivalent header type codes and column numbers for the UKOOA P7/2000 data exchange format for well deviation data for format comparison. The MMS Type codes cover columns 1-5, the MMS Item name cover columns 7-41, and the MMS format statements begin in column 43 and end in column 130 with no leading spaces. MMS has added the following cards: "H0112 WellNameSuffix", "H0114 BottomHoleLeaseNumber", "H0624 TrueMeasuredDepth" and "H00625 TrueTotalVerticalDepth". The format description is given in FORTRAN style (i.e. F-float, A-character, I-integer, X-space). Example (A4, 2X, F6.3) = ABCD 11.111.

Header Records are as follows:

UKOOA Type	MMS Type	MMS Item	MMS Format	Description
H0001	H0001	FormatNameVersion	A20	Format Name and Version: MMS-P7/2000_v1.0 or UKOOA P7_v2000 1.01
H0002	H0002	FormatType	I1	Format Type: ASCII = 1, XML = 2
H0110	H0110	WellName	A58	Well Name: The name assigned to the well. It may be a special name or the name of the property to which the well belongs. More information and specific details on Well Naming and Numbering Standards can be found in NTL 2000-N07 (e.g., AJ001).
	H0112 Added Card	WellNameSuffix	A8	Well Name Suffix: The well name suffix is an extension to the well name which identifies each wellbore and indicates the number of times a well has been sidetracked or bypassed. An 8-character suffix to the well number that identifies a sidetrack (ST) or bypass (BP) and the sidetrack and bypass number (e.g., STNNBPNN). An original hole will have a suffix of ST00BP00, the first sidetrack off the original borehole will have a suffix of ST01BP00, the first bypass off the original borehole will have a suffix of ST00BP01. If the first sidetrack is bypassed, the suffix will be ST01B01. More information and specific details on Well Naming and Numbering Standards can be found in NTL 2000-N07 (e.g., ST00BP01).
	H0114 Added Card	BottomHoleLeaseNumber	A6	Lease Number: The lease number assigned by the Minerals Management Service to the lease that contains the bottomhole location of a borehole. More information and specific details on Well Naming and Numbering Standards can be found in NTL 2000-N07 (e.g., G09999, Y09999, A09999, or P09999).
H0130	H0130	UniqueWellIdentifier	A58	API number: A unique well identification number consisting of (left justified) a two-digit state code (or pseudo for Offshore), a three-digit county code (or pseudo for Offshore), a five-digit unique well code and, a two-digit sidetrack code as defined in API Bulletin D12A (e.g., 177561234501).

H0170	H0170	ParentWellIdentifier	A58	Parent Well Identifier: The unique well identification number or API number of the borehole that establishes a hierarchy of wellbores. The Parent Well Identifier References the wellbore from which the current wellbore was kicked off. The first ten digits of the 12-digit API Number of the parent wellbore must be equivalent to the subsequent sidetrack or bypass boreholes. The 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> digits will be "00" for the original borehole (e.g., 177671234500).
H0200	H0200	GeodeticDatum	A58	Geodetic Datum Code: A common abbreviation for the reference horizontal datum that specifies the type of geodetic reference systems used in the collection of spatial data. Refer to NTL No. 2002-G12 for more specific instructions (e.g., NAD27).
H0210	H0210	ProjectionIdentification	A53	Projection Identification: The type of projection used to represent the Earth as a 2-dimensional map. More specifically, a specific type of representation that identifies the type of coordinate projection used to describe the point (X-Y) values. Examples of map projections: UTM Zones, Transverse Mercator, Lambert and State Plans such as UTM 15 or Louisiana Lambert.
H0300	H0300	ElevationReference	A58	Elevation Reference: The physical reference point used to measure depth elevations. (e.g., KB or Kelly Bushing).  In addition, the elevation reference is equal to the UKOOA's Well Reference Point (WRP). The following Operator elevation reference codes can be used: KB Kelly Bushing RB Rotary Bushing      DF Drill Floor      RT Rotary Table      MT Drill Floor Mat GL Ground Level      CF Casing Flange      SL Sea Level      TS Topographic Sheet ET Estimated      IN Interpolated      ES Echo Sounder      UN Unknown
H0390	H0390	Elevation	F8.2	Elevation: The distance from the physical reference point to the datum. The Measured Depth Elevation in feet from the Elevation Reference to mean sea level. For the MMS, mean sea level will be considered equal to the UKOOA's Vertical Reference Datum (VRD) (e.g., 109.00).
H0400	H0400	Operator	A58	Operator: The person the lessee(s) designates as having control or management of operations on the leased area or a portion thereof. An operator can be a lessee; the MMS-approved designated agent of the lessee(s), or holder of operating rights under an MMS-approved operating rights assignment. (e.g., Big Exploration Inc.).

H0440	H0440	SurveyCompany	A58	Survey Company: The Contractor, Service Provider, or business associate, such as an individual or company that conducts the inclination survey. If multiple vendors have run the survey, list the survey company that created the composite survey (e.g., Hamberger Well Services).
H0450	H0450	SurveyDate	14,2(12)	Survey Completion Date: The full date on which the last run of the composite survey is completed. The required format is a four-digit year, the month, and day in YYYYMMDD form. January 1, 2000 would be 20000101.
H0500	H0500	AzimuthReference	A16	North Reference: The geographic reference used to measure azimuths. (T-True, M-Magnetic, G-Grid, and U-Unknown.). A directional survey submitted in Grid North is the current requirement in 30 CFR250 Subpart D -- Oil and Gas Drilling Operations (e.g., G or Grid).
H0510	H0510	MagneticDeclination	F6.3	Magnetic Declinations: The angle between magnetic and geographical meridians at any location, expressed in (+/-) degrees east or west to indicate the direction of magnetic north from true north. West of the zero declination line is negative, East of the zero declination line is positive (e.g., +0.894).
H0520	H0520	GridConvergence	F6.3	Grid Convergence: The horizontal angle in (+/-) degrees at a point between true north and grid north. The angle is proportional to the longitude difference between a location and central meridian. Grid convergence is positive east of the central meridian of a projection and negative west of the central meridian (e.g., -1.252).
	H0624	TieInMeasuredDepth Added Card	F8.2	Tie in Measured Depth: The measured depth or distance from the Elevation Reference to the tie-in-point of the survey when a survey begins below the Elevation Reference. The tie-in-point is the shallowest point of a survey that is used to link its depth to an original wellbore, previous wellbore, or from a lateral to a spoke in a horizontal well (e.g., 011309.00).
	H0625	TieInTotalVerticalDepth Added Card	F8.2	Tie in Total Vertical Depth: The vertical depth or distance from the Elevation Reference point to the tie-in point of the survey (e.g., 011292.27).
H0630	H0630	TieInYOffset	F8.2	Tie in Y Offset: The North or South distance between a vertical axis passing through the tie in point and a vertical axis passing through the zero vertical elevation point. A positive number denotes North, a negative number South (e.g., 475.60).
H0635	H0635	TieInXOffset	F8.2	Tie in X Offset: The East or West distance between a vertical axis passing through the tie in point and a vertical axis passing through the zero vertical elevation point. A positive number denotes East, a negative number West (e.g., 2668.50).
H0700	H0700	Remarks	A58	Remarks: Information describing or explaining the reason data were not collected, lost, or not timely provided to the Minerals Management Service (e.g., "Survey does not reach TD because the borehole collapsed & stuck bit").

An example of a complete MMS ASCII file is shown Attachment 2. Data records will start with Data Column Descriptions on the first line of the data followed by “|” between each item (i.e., D|MeasuredDepth|Azimuth|ToolType). The Data Section Identifier (D) covers columns 1, the Measured Depth columns 3-10, the Inclination columns 12-18, the Azimuth columns 20-26, the Tool Type columns 28-30 and the Station Type in column 32. The format description is given in FORTRAN style (i.e., F-float, A-character, I-integer, X-space). Example (A4, 2X, F6.3) = ABCD 11.111.

**Data Records are as follows:**

UKOOA Column Description	MMS Column Description	Column No.	Format	Data Description
Col 1: Data Section Identifier	Col 1: D	1	A1	Data Section Identifier: In order to recognize data records (e.g., D).
Col 2: Measured Depth	Col 2: MeasuredDepth	3-10	F8.2	Measured Depth: The distance in feet increasing along path of the wellbore from the elevation reference to the measurement point. Each field will have the 2 decimal places recorded with real data or zeros and right justified (e.g., 11309.00).
Col 3: Inclination	Col 3: Inclination	12-18	F7.3	Inclination: The vertical angular measurement of deviation of the well path from its vertical orientation. Submit this number in degrees decimal to the accuracy of three decimal places where zero degrees is vertical downwards and 90 degrees is horizontal (e.g., 015.250).
Col 4: Azimuth	Col 4: Azimuth	20-26	F7.3	Azimuth: The horizontal angular measurement azimuth of the well path projected into a horizontal plane. Submit this number in degrees decimal where the range of the azimuth is between zero and 360 degrees (e.g., 092.660).
Col 5: Survey Tool Type	Col 5: ToolType	28-30	I3	Tool Type: Choose from types of instruments used to take the measurements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inclination Only</li> <li>2. Magnetic (Film based on single shot or multishot)</li> <li>3. Electronic Magnetic Single Shot or multishot</li> <li>4. Dipmeter or other FE wireline log</li> <li>5. MWD or steering tool</li> <li>6. Conventional Gyro (Film based on single shot or multishot)</li> <li>7. North Seeking Gyro</li> <li>8. Inertial</li> <li>9. Unknown</li> </ol>
Col. 6: Station Type	Col 6: StationType	32	A1	Station Type: S=Surveyed, P=Planned, E=Projected or Estimated, or O=Other (e.g., S).

