

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

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

Performance Measures for OCS Operators and Form MMS-131

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) supersedes NTL 2002-N01 and re-issues Form MMS-131, Performance Measures Data Form.

Please note that no changes were made to Form MMS-131. Our primary reason for issuing this NTL is to reiterate that you are asked to provide data on an annual basis for the previous calendar year by March 31 of each year.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) issued NTL 2002-N01 to collect data on an annual basis on form MMS-131 related to a set of performance measures developed by a joint Government/industry workgroup. This workgroup was composed of representatives from 17 oil and gas companies, American Petroleum Institute, Offshore Operators Committee, Independent Petroleum Association of America, International Association of Drilling Contractors, National Oceans Industries Association, and the U.S. Coast Guard. You can find the latest data along with the performance measures formulas on the MMS website at <http://www.mms.gov/perfmeas>.

Your participation in the performance measures data collection effort is voluntary. However, the quality of the information we obtain from analyzing the data depends on the widespread support of this effort. A brief set of reporting element definitions is attached to this Notice for your convenience. Please be as complete as possible and make adjustments as necessary to improve subsequent submissions. You may mail, fax, or e-mail the completed form to:

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Our objectives in collecting and analyzing the information continue to focus on:

- Determining if safety and environmental performance is improving over time through the implementation of safety and environmental management programs on the OCS,
- Providing an industry average and range for various quantitative measures against which companies can compare themselves,
- Providing offshore operators and organizations with a credible data source to demonstrate how well the offshore industry and individual companies are doing compared to those in other industries,
- Identifying “pacesetter” companies to make presentations at periodic workshops, and
- Providing comparison data on which companies with good performance may base requests for an MMS approval of alternative compliance procedures.

If you have any questions on this NTL, you may contact Staci Atkins at (703) 787-1620.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the collection of information on Form MMS-131 and assigned OMB Control Number 1010-0112. This notice is explanatory only and does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

3/7/03
Dated.

[signed] Thomas A. Readinger
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Attachments

1. Form MMS-131
2. Reporting Element Definitions