

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT**

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**NATIONAL NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS
LEASES AND PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS**

**Elimination of Expiration Dates on Certain Notices to Lessees and Operators Pending
Review and Reissuance**

Purpose

This national Notice to Lessees and Operators and Pipeline Right-of-Way Holders (NTL) eliminates the expiration dates on certain existing NTLs published on the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) website. This NTL also clarifies that, until BSEE revises, reissues, or withdraws the published NTLs, they will continue to apply regardless of any stated expiration dates.

Authority

As authorized by 30 CFR 250.103, BSEE may issue NTLs to clarify, supplement, or provide more detail about regulatory requirements under 30 CFR Part 250, "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf." Those regulatory requirements implement the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331, *et seq.*, and govern exploration, development, and production operations for oil, gas or sulphur on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Elimination of NTL Expiration Dates

Since the 1990s, under the authority of 30 CFR 250.103, BSEE (or its predecessor agency) has issued NTLs as guidance documents to (a) clarify, explain, or provide more information about certain regulatory requirements, and (b) outline what information you must provide in various submittals required by the regulations. The NTLs set out policies and interpretations concerning regulatory requirements in order to provide clear and consistent approaches for complying with those requirements.

The BSEE publishes and maintains a list of all active NTLs—issued from 1998 through the present—on its public website, www.bsee.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Notices-to-Lessees-and-Operators. The BSEE periodically reviews NTLs and may withdraw, reissue, or revise any NTL as appropriate. Although many NTLs have no expiration dates, some NTLs (primarily those issued in 2008 – 2011) were issued with expiration dates. Inclusion of expiration dates was primarily intended to stimulate review of those notices on a regular basis.

The BSEE has previously reviewed and revised, reissued, or withdrawn a number of the NTLs originally issued with expiration dates. The BSEE is currently reviewing the NTLs with expiration dates that recently passed or that will pass in the near future. When BSEE completes this review, BSEE will either withdraw the NTL and issue a revised NTL, or simply withdraw the NTL from the website altogether.

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In the meantime, to avoid confusion, the BSEE is hereby eliminating the expiration dates (whether past or upcoming) from the NTLs currently posted on the BSEE website. You should continue to comply with the regulations as clarified in the posted NTLs.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

This NTL does not impose any information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Contact

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