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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 IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

Removing Underwater Casing Stubs

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) supersedes the Letter to Lessees and Operators, dated June 27, 1990, on this subject. It updates regulatory citations and includes a statement on the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

According to 30 CFR 250.703, you may temporarily abandon a well with an underwater casing stub. If, at a future date, you decide or the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) requires you to permanently abandon such a well (see requirements at 30 CFR 250.702), you are advised that you must submit a request (according to 30 CFR 250.913) to the GOMR Regional Supervisor, Field Operations (MS 5200) and receive his approval before you may conduct the work.

You are further advised that whenever you use explosives to remove an underwater casing stub, the charge should not exceed 50 pounds unless absolutely necessary.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The information collection referred to in this NTL provides clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 250, subparts G and I. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection requirements for these regulations and assigned OMB Control Nos. 1010-0079 and 1010-0058, respectively. This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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If you have any questions on this NTL, you may contact the GOMR, Field Operations, at (504) 736-2845.



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