

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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GULF OF MEXICO REGION**

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**NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS (NTL) OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS
LEASES ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS), GULF OF MEXICO OCS
REGION**

Conservation Information Documents

This NTL provides guidance for submitting Conservation Information Documents (CIDs) for certain deepwater development projects as required in 30 CFR 250 Subpart B, specifically 30 CFR 250.296 through 250.299.

General

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will evaluate your CID with the objective of preventing waste and maximizing the ultimate recovery of all economically producible reservoirs. In particular, MMS will evaluate all penetrated reservoirs in water depths greater than 400 meters (1,312 feet), and ensure that those deemed economic by MMS will be produced. In addition, we no longer require CIDs for subsea developments in less than 400 meters of water.

Submission Procedures

As required by 30 CFR 250.296(a), your CID shall be submitted at the same time that you submit your Development Operations Coordination Document (DOCD) or Development and Production Plan (DPP) to the Office of Field Operations. However, the CID is submitted to the Office of Production and Development (PD), Reservoir Analysis Unit. You must also submit a CID when a Supplementary DOCD or DPP is submitted but only if requested by the Regional Supervisor of PD. Also, you may request a departure under 30 CFR 250.142 to the timing of the CID submittal and such request must occur before submittal of the DOCD or DPP. The Regional Supervisor will approve the departure request in writing in cases where it is demonstrated that a later submittal is in the best interest of MMS. Failure to submit the CID as required may result in the issuance of a Notification of Incidents of Noncompliance (INC).

As specified in 30 CFR 250.125, you must pay a cost-recovery fee in the amount of \$24,200 with the submittal of the CID. You are not required to submit a fee for a revision to an approved CID.

The information you submit under 30 CFR 250.297 should be based on all wells drilled at the time of CID submittal. In addition, MMS should be notified of any wells drilled to total depth during the CID evaluation period. The data gathered from wells drilled during the evaluation period will be reviewed by MMS and may result in a requirement to update your CID.

MMS Review Period

The MMS may take up to 150 calendar days to review your CID (30 CFR 250.298). If MMS does not act within 150 days, your CID is considered to be approved; however, the 150-day period may be suspended if MMS determines that there is missing, inaccurate or incomplete data, or if a well is drilled to total depth during the evaluation period. You will be notified by the Regional Supervisor of any additional data requirements and the evaluation period will be resumed once MMS receives the required information. Approval of your CID does not constitute approval of any other plan, application or permit.

Initiation of Production

Production from your development may not begin before your CID is approved per 30 CFR 250.299. Production prior to approval will result in the issuance of an INC and possible civil penalties. MMS review and approval of your CID is required in order to ensure the prevention of waste and maximization of ultimate recovery for all economically producible reservoirs.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The collection of information referred to in this NTL provides clarification, description, or interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR 250 Subparts A and B. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection requirements and assigned OMB Control Numbers 1010-0114 and 1010-0151, respectively. This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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