

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

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NOTICE TO PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS IN THE
OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

**Air Emissions Information for Applications for
Accessory Platforms for Pipeline Rights-of-way**

This Notice to Lessees and Operators is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103. It supersedes NTL No. 96-10, dated December 5, 1996. It provides contact and Paperwork Reduction Act information, updates regulatory citations, adds a definition, and makes minor technical amendments.

Definition

Accessory platform means a platform attached to a right-of-way (ROW) pipeline to support pump stations, compressors, manifolds, etc. The site used for an accessory platform is part of the pipeline ROW grant.

Background

Accessory platforms are subject to the requirements currently contained in 30 CFR 250, subpart I, Platforms and Structures, just like all other OCS structures. The regulation at 30 CFR 250.900(b) requires you to submit an application and receive MMS approval of any OCS structure before you begin installation or other listed activities.

Sufficient information to determine the air quality impacts from accessory platforms must be available so that the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR), pursuant to 30 CFR 250.106 and 30 CFR 250.1001(a), can ensure that unreasonable harm or damage to the marine, coastal, or human environment will be prevented and so that the MMS GOMR can adequately prepare the necessary National Environmental Policy Act documentation.

Accessory Platform Applications

Accordingly, pursuant to 30 CFR 250.186(a), include the following information in all applications for new and modified accessory platforms (including applications to convert lease platforms to accessory platforms), in addition to the information required by 30 CFR 250.905:

A. If the accessory platform *will not* have any combustion emission sources, provide the following in text, table, or spreadsheet format:

1. The rated output (horsepower) of each tug, construction vessel, and service vessel;
2. An estimate of the number of vessel trips per year;
3. An estimate of the time (days) that each vessel will be within 25 miles of the accessory platform;
4. An estimate of the number of component connections (e.g., valves, flanges) on the accessory platform;
5. The contents and capacity (gallons) of the hydrocarbon storage tanks, and their average daily and annual throughput (gallons/day and gallons/year); and
6. Documentation of any emission control technologies you will employ.

B. If the accessory platform *will* have any combustion emission source, calculate the emissions associated with your proposed activities using the methodology, emission factors, and worksheets in Form MMS-139, Air Emissions Spreadsheets for DOCD's (see the MMS Internet website at http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/airquality/Docd_aq.xls) to include

1. The rated output (horsepower) of each tug, construction vessel, and service vessel;
2. An estimate of the number of vessel trips per year;
3. An estimate of the time (days) that each vessel will be within 25 miles of the accessory platform;
4. The rated output (horsepower) of each emission source (e.g., crane, compressor, generator, dehydrator);
5. The run time (hours/day and days/year) for each emission source identified in Item No. 4 above;
6. An estimate of the number of component connections (e.g., fittings, valves, flanges) on the accessory platform;
7. The contents and capacity (gallons) of the hydrocarbon storage tanks, and their average daily and annual throughput (gallons/day and gallons/year); and
8. The average hourly and annual throughput of gas through glycol dehydrators.

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 I and J. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection requirements for Subparts I and J and assigned OMB control numbers 1010-0149 for subpart I and 1010-0050 for subpart J. This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Contact

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