

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

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

**Outage of Pay.Gov due to Fiscal Year-end Closeout**

Due to fiscal year-end closeout, MMS will disable Pay.Gov forms from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, September 27, 2008; to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2008. This outage will affect Pay.Gov interactive payments made through eWell.

In addition, MMS will disable Pay.Gov refunds from 12:01 a.m., Saturday, September 13, 2008; to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2008.

Payments can be made through Pay.Gov both before and after the blackout period. MMS recommends that companies plan appropriately in advance of the blackout period, or wait until Wednesday, October 1, 2008. If an emergency situation arises, verbal approvals will be issued as provided in § 250.125 (c) which states:

*Verbal approvals are occasionally given in special circumstances. Any action that will be considered a verbal permit approval requires either a paper permit application to follow the verbal approval or an electronic application submittal within 72 hours. Payment must be made with the completed paper or electronic application.*

Additional information about the payment of cost recovery fees can be found on the MMS webpage at: <http://www.mms.gov/offshore/paygov.htm>.

**Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement:**

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


**Information Contacts:** If you have any questions about the 4-day disabling of MMS Pay.Gov forms, you may contact:

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