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Dated: October 30, 1997.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Notice of Tribal-State Gaming Compact Taking Effect

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, is publishing the Tribal-State Compacts between the Pueblo of Picuris, the Pueblo of Santa Ana, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe and the State of New Mexico executed on August 20, 1997, and the Pueblo of Nambe and the State of New Mexico executed on September 5, 1997. By the terms of IGRA these Compacts are considered approved, but only to the extent the Compacts are consistent with the provision of IGRA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department believes that the decision to let the 45-day statutory deadline for approval or disapproval of the Compacts expire without taking action is the most appropriate course of action given the unique history of state and federal court cases and legislative actions that have shaped the course of Indian gaming in New Mexico. A letter further explaining the Department's decision is available from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Gaming Management Staff at the address below.

**DATES:** This action is effective November 5, 1997.

#### FUR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS 2070-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: October 23, 1997.

**Ada E. Deer,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

**James H. McDivitt,**

*Certifying Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

**TITLE:** Gas Processing and Transportation Allowances.

**COMMENTS:** This collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506(c)(2)(A), we are notifying you, members of the public and affected agencies, of this collection of information, and are inviting your comments. Is this information collection necessary for us to properly do our job? Have we accurately estimated the public's burden for responding to this collection? Can we enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect? Can we lessen the burden of this information collection on the respondents by using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Comments should be made directly to the Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone (202) 395-7340. Copies of these comments should also be sent to us. The U.S. Postal Service address is Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; the courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; and the e-Mail address is David\_Guzy@mms.gov. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

Copies of the proposed information collection and related explanatory material may be obtained by contacting Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3046, FAX

(303) 231-3385, e-Mail Dennis\_Jones@mms.gov.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 5, 1997.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for the collection of royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage the production of mineral resources on Indian lands, to collect the royalties due, and to distribute royalty funds in accordance with those laws. The product valuation and allowance determination process is essential to assure that the Indians receive payment on the proper value of the minerals being removed. In order to determine whether the amount of royalty tendered represents the proper royalty due, it is first necessary to establish the proper value of the gas and gas plant products being sold, or otherwise disposed of, as well as the proper costs associated with the allowable deductions from the value of gas and gas plant products.

Under certain circumstances lessees are authorized to deduct from royalty payments, the reasonable actual costs of transporting the royalty portion of produced minerals from the lease to a processing or sales point not in the immediate lease area. Transportation allowances are a part of the product valuation process which the Minerals Management Service (MMS) uses to determine if the lessee is reporting and paying the proper royalty amount.

When gas is processed for the recovery of gas plant products, lessees may claim a processing allowance. MMS normally will accept the cost as stated in the lessee's arm's-length processing contract as being representative of the cost of the processing allowance. In those instances where gas is being processed through a lessee owned plant, the processing costs shall be based upon the actual plant operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation, and a reasonable return on investment. The allowance is expressed as a cost per unit of individual plant products. Processing allowances may be taken as a deduction from royalty payments.

Failure to collect the data described could result in the undervaluation of leased minerals. Regulations at 30 CFR 206 establish uniform product valuation and allowance policies for all Indian leases. These regulations require information in support of the product valuation or allowances being claimed. Without such information, MMS cannot evaluate the correctness of values or allowances reported and claimed.

*Description of Respondents:* Lessees of Indian leases.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* 15 minutes.

*Annual Responses:* 3,000 responses.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 750 hours.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: October 21, 1997.

**R. Dale Fazio,**

*Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of Environmental Documents prepared for OCS mineral proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with

Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.4 and 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA's) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI's), prepared by the MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This listing includes all proposals for which the FONSI's were prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice. The acronym "NORM" means Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials.

Activity/Operator	Location	Date
Chevron U.S.A., NORM Disposal Operations, NORM No. 160 ...	West Delta Area, Block 24, Lease OCS 0691, 4 miles south of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	05/26/97
Dauphin Island Gathering Partners, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-17720.	Main Pass Area, Blocks 225, 217, 194, and 192; Viosca Knoll Area, Blocks 428, 384, 340, 296, 252, 253, 208, 209, 165, 121, 77, 33, and 32; Mobile Area, Blocks 1000, 999, 955, 954, 910, 866, 822, and 821; Lease G-17720; 6.5 miles offshore of Dauphin Island, Alabama.	07/10/97
Shell Oil Company, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-17730 .....	Main Pass Area, Blocks 146, 147, 73, 72, 71, and 70; Main Pass Area South and East Addition, Blocks 289, 290, 291, 307, 306, 308, 309, 310, 303, 302, 301, and 300; Viosca Knoll Area, Blocks 815 and 814; Lease G-17730; 34 miles east of the Louisiana coastline.	08/21/97
Dauphin Island Gathering Partners, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-18822.	Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 223, 224, and 225, Lease OCS-G 18822, 54 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	09/19/97
ATP Oil and Gas Corporation, Development Activity, SEA No. N-5676A.	Garden Banks Area, Block 134, Lease OCS-G 13366, 135 miles southeast of Galveston Island, Texas.	08/25/97
Amerada Hess Corporation, Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-5708A.	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Blocks 135, 136, and 180, Leases OCS-G 14203, 14217, 14218, and 14222, 130 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	07/16/97
ORYX Energy Company, Development Activity, SEA No. S-4333UA.	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Lease OCS-G 13808, 115 miles from the Texas coastline.	06/12/97
Chevron U.S.A., Development Activity, SEA No. S-4354U .....	Mobile Area, Block 864, Lease OCS-G 5064, 6.5 miles offshore of Dauphin Island, Alabama.	07/11/97
Oryx Energy Company, Exploration Activity, SEA No. S-4406A	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-397, Lease OCS-G 13809, 116 miles southeast of the nearest coastline on Galveston Island, Texas.	08/15/97
Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-035A.	South Timbalier Area, Block 35, Lease OCS-G 3336, 10 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	05/19/97
Amoco Exploration and Production, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-064A and 97-071.	West Delta Area, Block 140, Lease OCS-G 5682, 27 miles southeast of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	04/18/97
Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-096.	South Timbalier Area, Block 35, Lease OCS-G 3336, 10 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	07/08/97
Amerada Hess Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-099.	Main Pass Area, Block 273, Lease OCS-G 4918, 32 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	07/08/97
Enron Oil & Gas Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-103.	Mustang Island Area, Block 783, Lease OCS-G 14104, 26 miles from the Texas coastline.	07/10/97
Enron Oil & Gas Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-106.	Mobile Area, Block 914, Lease OCS-G 7846, 10 miles from the Alabama coastline.	07/11/97
CNG Producing Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-113.	South Marsh Island Area, Block 81, Lease OCS-G 6692, 68 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	07/18/97
Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-114.	West Cameron Area, Block 48, Lease OCS-G 1351, 4 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	07/24/97
UNOCAL Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-137 through 97-140.	Eugene Island Area, Block 44, Lease OCS-G 3990, 13 miles southwest of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.	08/11/97
UNOCAL Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-141 & 97-142.	Vermilion Area, Block 26, Lease OCS 0297, 6 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	08/26/97
Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S. Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-144 & 97-145.	Main Pass Area, Block 91, Lease OCS-G 1499, 3 miles east of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.	09/10/97
Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-146.	Vermilion Area, Block 275, Lease OCS-G 10678, 73 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	08/11/97
Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-147 through 97-149.	West Cameron Area, Block 44, Lease OCS-G 6566, 7 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	08/15/97