

Comparison between the New Incident Reporting Rule and the Past Rule

(items in *italics* are defined on the second page)

Previous Accident Reporting Rule			New Incident Reporting Rule		
Reportable Incident	Notification Required	Written Report Required	Reportable Incident	Immediately Report via Oral Communication	Written Report Required within 15 Days
Any Death	Yes	No	All Fatalities	Yes	Yes
Any Serious Injury	Yes	No	Injuries that require evacuation of the person (s) from the facility to shore or another facility	Yes	Yes
			Injuries that result in one or more days away from work or <i>one or more days</i> on restricted work or job transfer	No	Yes
All Fires	Yes	No	All Fires	Yes	Yes
All Explosions	Yes	No	All Explosions	Yes	Yes
All Blowouts	Yes	No	All <i>Losses of Well Control</i>	Yes	Yes
All Serious Accidents	Yes	No	N/A		
N/A			All <i>Collisions</i> that result in property damage > \$25,000.	Yes	Yes
			All incidents involving <i>structural damage</i> to an OCS facility.	Yes	Yes
			All incidents involving crane or personal/material handling operations.	Yes	Yes
			All incidents that damage or disable safety systems or equipment (including firefighting equipment).	Yes	Yes
			All other incidents not listed resulting in <i>property or equipment damage</i> > \$25,000.	No	Yes
			All incidents that require operations personnel on the facility to muster for evacuation for reasons not related to weather or drills.	No	Yes
A gas release which results in a 15-minute time weighted average atmospheric concentration of H2S of 20 ppm or more anywhere on the facility (§ 250.490 (l))	Yes	No	A gas release which results in a 15-minute time-weighted average atmospheric concentration of H2S of 20 ppm or more anywhere on the facility. Report these gas releases to the District Manager (§ 250.490 (l)).	Yes	Yes
N/A			All gas releases that initiate equipment or process shut-down.	No	Yes
All spills of oil or other liquid pollutants per § 254.46	Yes	Yes within 15 days	You must report all spills of oil or other liquid pollutants in accordance with 30 CFR 2504.46.	Yes	Yes

New Definitions included in the new incident reporting rule

Collision means the act of a moving vessel (including an aircraft) striking another vessel, or striking a stationary vessel or object (*e.g.*, a boat striking a drilling rig or platform).

One or more days means the injured person was not able to return to work or to all of their normal duties the day after the injury occurred.

Loss of well control means:

- (i) Uncontrolled flow of formation or other fluids. The flow may be to an exposed formation (an underground blowout) or at the surface (a surface blowout);
- (ii) Flow through a diverter; or
- (iii) Uncontrolled flow resulting from a failure of surface equipment or procedures.

Property or equipment damage means the cost of labor and material to restore all affected items to their condition before the damage, including, but not limited to, the OCS facility, a vessel, helicopter, or equipment. It does not include the cost of salvage, cleaning, gas-freeing, dry docking, or demurrage.

Structural damage means damage severe enough so that operations on the facility cannot continue until repairs are made.

Information required in the new incident reporting rule for the immediate oral notification to the District Manager

- 1) Date and time of occurrence
- 2) Operator, and operator representative's, name and telephone number
- 3) Contractor, and contractor representative's name and telephone number (if a contractor is involved in the incident or injury/fatality)
- 4) Lease number, OCS area, and block
- 5) Platform/facility name and number, or pipeline segment number
- 6) Type of incident or injury/fatality
- 7) Operation or activity at time of incident (*i.e.*, drilling, production, workover, completion, pipeline, crane, etc.) and
- 8) Description of the incident, damage, or injury/fatality.

Information required in the new incident reporting rule for the written reports submitted to the District Manager

Items 1) through 5) and item 7) are the same as for the oral notification listed above.

The following items are also required:

- 6) Type of incident or injury
- 8) Description of incident, damage, or injury (including days away from work, restricted work or job transfer), and any corrective action taken and
- 9) Property or equipment damage estimate (in U.S. dollars).

Operators may submit a report or form prepared for another agency if the report or form contains all the information required by MMS.

The District Manager may require submission of additional information about an incident on a case-by-case basis.