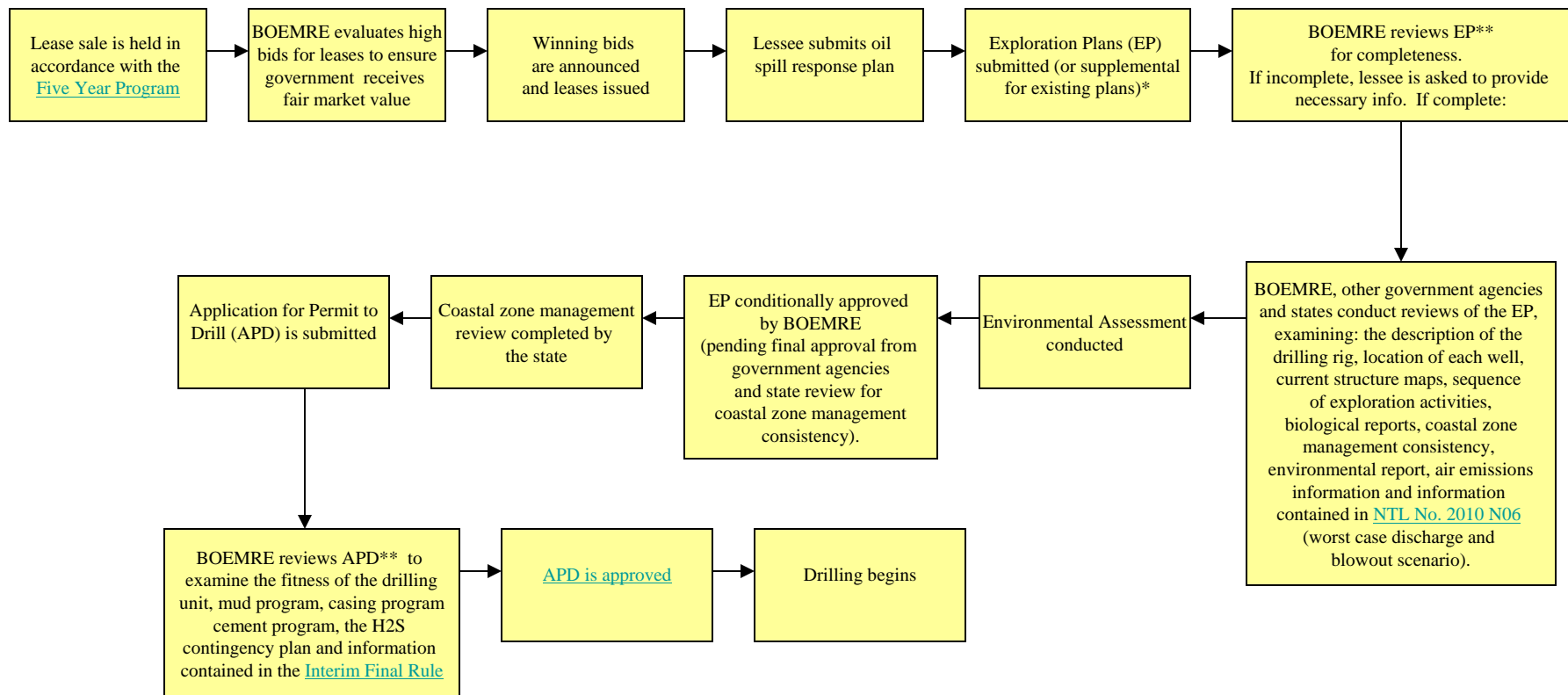


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Exploration Phase Flowchart



**An initial EP describes all exploration activities planned by an operator for a specific lease(s), the timing of these activities, information concerning drilling vessels, the location of each well, and an analysis of both onshore and offshore impacts that may occur as a result of the plan's implemented action.*

***Submitted EPs and APDs may be returned to the operator for further information or clarification.*