

Advocacy Comments on Rules for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf

On November 22, 2010 the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed public comments with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) regarding its interim final rule establishing certain drilling regulations relating to well controls on the Outer Continental Shelf. A copy of Advocacy's comments may be viewed at www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments.

- On October 14, 2010, BOEMRE published an interim final rule establishing certain measures intended to improve the safety of oil and gas development on the Outer Continental Shelf. The rule implements certain recommendations made in a report entitled "Increased Safety Measures of Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf," which was developed as a result of the Deep Water Horizon event on April 20, 2010. Recommendations implemented by this interim final rule include measures to ensure sufficient redundancy in blowout preventers, measures promoting well integrity and measures enhancing well control.
- Advocacy praised BOEMRE's decision to publish a supplemental IRFA and recommended that BOEMRE discuss how industry operates and how the costs of the rule would be distributed among small businesses. Advocacy also recommended that BOEMRE include a thorough discussion of any alternatives and their possible affects on small entities.

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