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 BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT  
 GULF OF MEXICO REGION  
 FILE DESCRIPTION REPORT  
 ArcInfo Format

Coverage Name:

**8201      Blocks Coverage**

type: polygon Export

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Columns for **Blocks INFO file:**

COLUMN	ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	N.DEC
1	AREA	8	18	F	5
9	PERIMETER	8	18	F	5
17	BLOCKS#	4	5	B	-
21	BLOCKS-ID	4	5	B	-
25	MMS_REGION_CODE	1	1	C	-
26	MMS_PLAN_AREA_CD	3	3	C	-
29	PROT_NUMBER	7	7	C	-
36	PROT_APRV_DATE	11	11	C	-
47	BLOCK_NUMBER	6	6	C	-
53	BLK_FED_APRV_DT	11	11	C	-
64	BLOCK_LAB	6	6	C	-
70	AC_LAB	8	8	C	-

**Definitions:**

AREA, PERIMETER, BLOCKS#, BLOCKS-ID - These columns are ArcInfo internal control parameters and have no applicable relevance to the use of the data.

MMS\_REGION\_CODE - A unique identifier for the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Outer Continental Shelf.

MMS\_PLAN\_AREA\_CD - Indicates an Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) group of offshore blocks that are considered as an entity for administrative planning purposes. For example: WGM = Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area.

PROT\_NUMBER - The identifier of an official protraction, which can be one of two types as utilized by the Minerals Management Service (MMS): an Official Protraction Diagram (OPD) or Leasing Map.

PROT\_APRV\_DATE - The date the Official Protraction Diagram or Leasing Map is signed by the Federal Government and approved for distribution.

BLOCK\_NUMBER - Identifies a subdivision of an Official Protraction Diagram.

BLK\_FED\_APRV\_DT - The date that the OCS Block was established.

BLOCK\_LAB - Left justified BLOCK\_NUMBER.

AC\_LAB - This column is a concatenated field. The first two characters contain the area code and the remaining characters contain the block number.