UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

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NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL, GAS, AND SULPHUR LEASES IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

Hurricane and Tropical Storm Evacuation and Production Curtailment Statistics

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103 and supersedes NTL No. 2002-G11, effective September 20, 2002, on this subject. It clarifies the procedures for you to provide hurricane evacuation and production curtailment statistics.

Under 30 CFR 250.192, you must submit statistics regarding evacuation of personnel and curtailment of production due to hurricanes, tropical storms, or other natural disasters to the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR). The MMS GOMR uses this information to inform the U. S. Coast Guard of rescue needs and oil spills and to notify the news media and interested public entities that monitor shut-in production.

The attached form (Form MMS-132) specifies the information that the MMS GOMR collects when these storms are approaching. This form is available at the MMS website on the Internet at http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/mmsforms/frmindx.html; however, we suggest that you maintain copies of the form in your office in the event the website is not available.

Complete the form and e-mail it to the MMS GOMR at evacstats@mms.gov. If you are unable to e-mail the form, telefax it to the MMS GOMR, Office of Field Operations, Technical Assessment and Operations Support Section, at (504) 736-2941. If you are unable to transmit the form to the MMS GOMR by either e-mail or telefax, telefax it to MMS Headquarters at (703) 787-1093. Make sure that you transmit the form before 11 a.m. each day that personnel are evacuated or production remains shut in.

Under 30 CFR 250.192(c), you must notify the MMS GOMR when you resume production. Use the above e-mail address or telefax numbers in the same order of preference to make this notification.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the collection of information to be reported on Form MMS-132 and the notification required under 30 CFR 250.192(c), and has assigned OMB Control Number 1010-0114. This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Contact

Contact Mr. Jim Grant at (504) 736-2843 or Mr. Jason Mathews at (504) 736-2403 if you have any questions regarding this NTL.

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Attachment (Form MMS-132)

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