

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

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**NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS LEASES
ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

Payment Method for New and Certain Existing Cost Recovery Fees

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.143, 250.171, 250.1015, 250.1101, 250.1106, 250.1303 and 256.64 you must pay specific service fees to MMS.

A final rule was published on August 25, 2005 and implemented new and adjusted fees for certain MMS services. The rule stated that an NTL would be published prior to the effective date of the rule (extended to January 1, 2006) that would prescribe the payment method to be used for the new and adjusted fees.

MMS is developing a new, online payment system that is well underway, and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of the 2006 calendar year. Until then, lessees must continue to use the previously existing payment methods of checks and/or credit cards for payment of the new and adjusted fees. Payments must accompany the applications.

When the online payment system is available, a new NTL will be issued and this NTL will be rescinded.

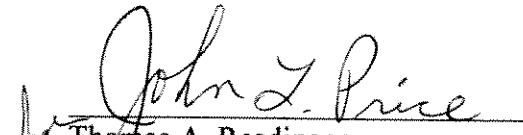
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