

volumes and values as reported by payors. AFS data are compared to production and processing volumes reported on PAAS, enabling MMS to verify that proper royalties are being paid for the minerals produced.

MMS has developed six forms for gathering oil and gas production data from industry. One form initially established a data base for all storage facilities and measurement points. Four forms are used to collect ongoing production and disposition data, which are then matched with sales and royalty data reported to the AFS. Additionally, data collected from these forms is edited and electronically sent to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and to the MMS Office of Offshore Minerals Management (OMM). BLM and OMM use the data to perform inspections, reviews, and reservoir analysis. The sixth form is used to collect information from independent sources to corroborate production data.

Operators of 2,400 leases, mainly Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), will report monthly production to the PAAS using Form MMS-4054, OGOR. During FY 1998 the total number of OGOR reports expected, including modified reports, is estimated to be about 59,000. Currently 30 percent of OGOR documents are submitted electronically. At .5 hour per paper report, and .25 per electronic report, the FY 1998 burden will be 25,075 hours.

Gas production from some leases is processed before royalties have been determined. Operators of such leases must submit Form MMS-4055, GAR, if requested by MMS. During FY 1998 the total number of GAR reports expected,

including modified reports, is estimated to be 10. At .25 hour per response, the FY 1998 burden will be 2.5 hours.

Onshore operators reporting on Form MMS-3160 are not required to use the GAR to report gas production.

About 32 gas plant operators will submit Form MMS-4056, GPOR, each month during FY 1998. The total number of GPOR reports expected, including modified reports, is 450. At an .5 hour per response, the burden will be 225 hours in FY 1998.

MMS has assumed responsibility from BLM for the processing of monthly operations reports from all onshore oil and gas lease operators. In FY 1998, 2,750 operators will report monthly to MMS using Form MMS-3160, MRO.

Most operators, who do not use electronic reporting, use the model Form MMS-3160 which is preprinted with information that remains relatively the same from month to month. The models are printed and mailed by MMS, and the onshore operators fill in monthly production data. Currently 40 percent of MRO documents are submitted electronically. The total number of MRO reports, including modified reports, is 290,000. At .25 hour per paper report and .12 hour per electronic report, the FY 1998 burden will be 57,420 hours.

About 100 operators will submit Form MMS-4058, PASR, to report commingled production. The total number of PASR reports, including modified reports, is 7,200. At .25 hour per response, the FY 1998 burden will be 1,800 hours.

The total FY 1998 burden is estimated to be 84,522.5 hours [25,075 (OGOR) +

2.5 (GAR) + 225 (GPOR) + 57,420 (MRO) + 1,800 (PASR)].

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.4 and 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA's) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI's), prepared by the MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This listing includes all proposals for which the FONSI's were prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Burlington Resources Offshore Inc., Pipeline Activity, SEA No. P-11587.	Eugene Island Area, Blocks 204 and 205, Leases OCS 0804 and 0805, 35 miles offshore the coast of Louisiana.	10/16/97
Coastal Oil and Gas Corporation, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. P-11617.	East Cameron Area; Blocks 192, 193, and 189; Leases OCS-G 8651, 8650, and 8418; 56 miles offshore the Louisiana coast.	01/08/98
Chevron U.S.A., Pipeline Activity, SEA No. OCS-G 16099.	Mobile Area, Block 864, Lease OCS-G 16099, 5 miles south of the nearest coastline in Alabama.	11/20/97
Ocean Energy, Inc., Pipeline Activity, SEA No. OCS-G 18816.	Ship Shoal Area; Blocks 65, 66, and 69; Lease OCS-G 18816, 3 miles south of the nearest coastline in Louisiana.	12/01/97
Bayou City Pipelines, Inc., Pipeline Activity, SEA No. OCS-G 18817.	Ship Shoal Area, Blocks 66 and 69, Lease OCS-G 18817, 4-5 miles south of the nearest coastline in Louisiana.	11/06/97
Delos Offshore Company, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. OCS-G 18843.	East Cameron Area; South Addition; Blocks 373, 368, 355, 350, 349, and 338; Lease OCS-G 18843; 114 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	01/07/98
Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-5696A.	Garden Banks Area, Block 139, Lease OCS-G 17295, 123 miles southeast of the nearest coastline off Galveston Island, Texas.	12/22/97
ORYX Energy Company, Development Activity, SEA No. S-4507U.	High Island Area; East Addition; South Extension; Blocks A-384, A-378, and A-379; Leases OCS-G 3316, 13807, and 13808; 110 miles southeast of the nearest coastline off Galveston Island, Texas.	11/26/97
Chevron, U.S.A., Inc., Exploration Activity, SEA No. S-4529.	Mobile Area, Block 863, Lease OCS-G 5748, 18 miles south of Mobile County, Alabama.	11/17/97
Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S., Inc., Development Activity, SEA No. S-4532A.	Mobile Area, Block 914, Lease OCS-G 7846, 17 miles south of Mobile County, Alabama.	12/01/97
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-068A.	Eugene Island Area, Block 278, Lease OCS-G 3996, 50 miles south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	12/18/97

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Seagull Energy Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-143.	North Padre Island Area, Block A-72, Lease OCS-G 11213, 39 miles east of Padre Island, Texas.	10/15/97
Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-146A.	Vermilion Area, Block 275, Lease OCS-G 10678, 73 miles from the Louisiana coastline.	11/07/97
Chevron U.S.A. Production, Co., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-155 and 97-156.	Bay Marchand Area, Block 2; South Timbalier Area, Block 23; Leases OCS 0386 and 0369; 7 miles south of the Louisiana coastline.	11/12/97
Seneca Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-170.	Galveston Area, Block 211, Lease OCS-G 6094, 13 miles south of the Texas coastline.	12/18/97
Sonat Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-177.	High Island Area, Block 39, Lease OCS-G 4078, 17 miles south of the Texas coastline.	10/27/97
Forcenergy, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-179.	East Cameron Area, Block 300, Lease OCS-G 6643, 90 miles south of the Louisiana coastline.	12/19/97
Seagull Energy E&P Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-180 through 97-185.	Eugene Island Area, Block 45, Lease OCS-G 3991, 14 miles south of Iberia Parish Louisiana.	10/10/97
Houston Oil & Mineral Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-188 and 97-189.	Galveston Area, Blocks 330 and 349, Leases OCS-G 7251 and 13314, 25 miles from the Texas coastline.	01/21/98
Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-190.	Eugene Island Area, Block 53, Lease OCS 0479, 13 miles southwest of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.	10/10/97
IP Petroleum Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-191 & 97-192.	High Island Area, Block 108, Lease OCS-G 15776, 16 miles southeast of Chambers County, Texas.	10/10/97
Hall-Houston Oil Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-001.	West Cameron Area, Block 342, Lease OCS-G 10576, 51 miles south-southeast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/27/97
Hall-Houston Oil Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-002.	West Cameron Area, Block 359, Lease OCS-G 14329, 54 miles south-southwest of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/21/97
Burlington Resources, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-004.	Brazos Area, Block 435, Lease OCS-G 7219, 18 miles southeast of Matagorda County, Texas.	11/14/97
Newfield Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-005.	Galveston Area, Block 296, Lease OCS 0714, 30 miles southeast of Galveston Island, Texas.	12/15/97
The Houston Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-006.	East Cameron Area, Block 44, Lease OCS-G 5022, 15 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	11/26/97
Energy Resources Technology, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-007.	West Cameron Area, Block 277, Lease OCS-G 4761, 65 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	12/15/97

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Public Information Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Telephone (504) 736-2519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals which relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the

significance of those effects.

Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where the MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the EA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

NPS Franchise Fee Determination Guidelines

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Consideration of public comments on NPS franchise fee determination guidelines.

SUMMARY: On December 5, 1997, the National Park Service (NPS) again published for public comment that portion of its concession management staff manual (NPS-48) dealing with guidelines for concession contract franchise fees. Comments were invited on, among other matters, specific proposed changes in concept or in detail, for dealing with concession contract franchise fees. The comment period has closed and NPS has duly considered the comments received.