
Leasing Activities Information



PROPOSED NOTICE OF SALE 208 Central Planning Area

Attached is the Proposed Notice of Sale 208 Package (Proposed NOS 208 Package), for Central Planning Area (CPA) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 208 scheduled to be held on March 18, 2009, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

This Package consists of:

- Proposed NOS 208
- Lease Stipulations
- Information To Lessees
- Example of Preferred Format - Geophysical Data and Information Statement
- Lease Terms and Economic Conditions Map
- Stipulations and Deferred Blocks Map

All documents listed above are available from the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Unit; telephone (800) 200-GULF or (504) 736-2519; or by written request to:

Minerals Management Service
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
Public Information Unit (MS 5034)
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

All of these documents may also be found on the MMS GOM Lease Information page on the website at:
www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/lseale/208/cgom208.html.

The Final Notice of Sale 208 Package is expected to be available by the end of January 2009. It will contain final versions of the documents listed above as well as the following:

- List of Blocks Available for Leasing
 - Unleased Split Blocks and Available Unleased Acreage of Blocks with Aliquots and Irregular Portions Under Lease or Deferred
 - Bid Form and Envelope
 - Telephone Numbers/Addresses of Bidders Form
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Please Notice:

Terms and conditions for Proposed NOS 208 are generally the same as for the March 2008 CPA Lease Sale 206 except for the following noteworthy matters:

Additional Blocks Deferred Near the Limit of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the Eastern Gap

Bidders are advised that an additional one block setback is being implemented near the EEZ in the Eastern Gap with this sale. Please refer to paragraph (r) of the Information to Lessees document regarding the list of blocks affected and the "Stipulations and Deferred Blocks" map included in the Proposed NOS 208 Package.

Central-Eastern Planning Area Boundary to match the Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Administrative Boundary

Bidders are advised that beginning with this lease sale the Central-Eastern Planning Area boundary has been revised to match the Federal OCS Administrative Boundary. The new boundary splits blocks that were formerly "stair-stepped" and can be seen on the Stipulations and Deferred Blocks" or the "Lease Terms and Economic Conditions" maps, included in the Proposed NOS 208 Package. The administrative boundaries can also be viewed at: <http://www.mms.gov/ld/AdminBoundaries.htm>.

Rental Rate Change

The rental rates are being revised for this lease sale in accordance with the following table. Please pay particular attention to the Lease Terms and Conditions in the Proposed NOS 208 Package for these updates.

Sale 208 Rental Rates per Acre or Fraction Thereof			
Water Depth in meters	Years 1-5	Years 6, 7, and 8	Years 9-10
0 to <200	\$7.00	\$14.00, \$21.00, \$28.00 (if a lease extension is approved)	N/A
200 to <400	\$11.00	\$22.00, \$33.00, \$44.00 (if a lease extension is approved)	N/A
400 to <800	\$11.00	\$16.00 (if exploratory well drilled per 30 CFR part 256.37)	N/A
800+	\$11.00	\$16.00	\$16.00

Minimum Royalty Change

The minimum royalty has been revised to \$7.00 per acre or fraction thereof per year for blocks in water depths of less than 200 meters and \$11.00 per acre or fraction thereof per year for blocks in water depths of 200 meters or deeper. Please pay particular attention to the Lease Terms and Conditions in the Proposed NOS Package for these updates.

Updated Geophysical Data and Information Statement (GDIS) Instructions

Bidders are advised of the revised instructions for submittal of the GDIS. Please refer to paragraph (q) in the Information to Lessees document for specific details.

Not Offered:

Blocks currently under appeal (although currently unleased, the following blocks are under appeal and bids will not be accepted. Subsequently, if a determination of this appeal is reached prior to Final NOS 208, these blocks may become available for bidding):

Mississippi Canyon (OPD NH16-10)
Block 943

West Delta Area (Leasing Map LA8)
Block 50

Whole blocks and portions of blocks which lie within the former Western Gap portion of the 1.4 nautical mile buffer zone north of the continental shelf boundary between the United States and Mexico:

Amery Terrace (OPD NG 15-09)
Whole Blocks: 280, 281, 318 through 320, and 355 through 359
Portions of Blocks: 235 through 238, 273 through 279, and 309 through 317

Sigsbee Escarpment (OPD NG 15-08)
Whole Blocks: 239, 284, 331 through 341
Portions of Blocks: 151, 195, 196, 240, 241, 285 through 298, 342 through 349

Whole blocks and portions of blocks which are adjacent to or beyond the United States Exclusive Economic Zone in or adjacent to the area known as the Northern portion of the Eastern Gap. Please note that an additional one block setback is being deferred, starting with this Sale:

Lund South (OPD NG 16-07)
Whole Blocks: 128, 129, 169 through 173, 209 through 217, 248 through 261, 293 through 305, and 349

Henderson (OPD NG 16-05)
Whole Blocks: 466, 508 through 510, 551 through 554, 594 through 599, 637 through 643, 679 through 687, 722 through 731, 764 through 775, 807 through 819, 849 through 862, 891 through 905, 933 through 949, and 975 through 992
Portions of Blocks: 467, 511, 555, 556, 600, 644, 688, 732, 776, 777, 820, 821, 863, 864, 906, 907, 950, 993, and 994

Florida Plain (OPD NG 16-08)

Whole Blocks: 5 through 23, 46 through 66, 89 through 109, 133 through 153, 177 through 196, 221 through 239, 265 through 282, 309 through 326, and 363 through 369
Portions of Blocks: 24, 25, 67, 68, 110, 111, 154, 197, 198, 240, 241, 283, 284, 327, 370, and 371

Whole blocks and portions of blocks deferred by Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act:

Pensacola (OPD NH 16-05)

Blocks: 751 through 754, 793 through 798, 837 through 841, 881 through 885, 925 through 930, 969 through 974
Portions of Blocks: 842, 886, 887, 931, and 975

Destin Dome (OPD NH 16-08)

Whole Blocks: 1 through 6, 45 through 51, 89 through 95, 133 through 139, 177 through 184, 221 through 228, 265 through 272, 309 through 316, 353 through 361, 397 through 405, 441 through 449, 485 through 493, 529 through 538, 573 through 582, 617 through 626, 661 through 670, 705 through 715, 749 through 759, 793 through 803, 837 through 847, 881 through 891, 925 through 936, and 969 through 980
Portions of Blocks: 7, 8, 52, 96, 140, 141, 185, 229, 273, 317, 318, 362, 406, 450, 494, 495, 539, 583, 627, 671, 716, 760, 804, 848, 892, 893, 937, and 981

DeSoto Canyon (OPD NH 16-11)

Whole Blocks: 1 through 15, 45 through 59, and 92 through 102
Portions of Blocks: 16, 60, 61, 89 through 91, 103 through 105, and 135 through 147

Henderson (OPD NG 16-05)

Whole Blocks: 378 and 422
Portions of Blocks: 114, 158, 202, 246, 290, 334, 335, 379, and 423

Whole blocks and portions of blocks above the Sale 181 area but beyond 100 miles from the Florida coast:

DeSoto Canyon (OPD NH 16-11)

Whole Blocks: 148, and 185 through 192
Portion of Blocks: 103 through 105, 141 through 147, 149, and 193

Whole blocks and portions of blocks deferred from this lease sale are shown on the map "Proposed, Central Planning Area, Lease Sale 208, March 2009, Stipulations and Deferred Blocks."

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**Statistical Information (Lease Sale 208):**

**Size:** Approximately 6,200 unleased blocks; 33.5 million acres  
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For more information on the Proposed NOS 208 Package, potential bidders are advised to contact Mr. Carrol Williams at (504) 736-2803 or Ms. Nancy Kornrumpf at (504) 736-2726 of the MMS GOM OCS Region Sales and Support Unit.

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