

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

NTL No. 2005-G20 (Addendum No. 1)

Effective Date: June 12, 2006

NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS LEASES  
AND PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS  
IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

**Damage Caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (Addendum No. 1)**

On October 24, 2005, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) issued [Notice to Lessees and Operators and Pipeline Right-of-way Holders \(NTL\) No. 2005-G20](#) pursuant to 30 CFR 250.103 and 30 CFR 250.106(b) and (c) to describe the inspections you need to conduct and the plans and reports you need to prepare because of the known and potential damage to OCS facilities caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita when they struck land on August 29, 2005, and September 24, 2005, respectively.

This NTL supplements NTL No. 2005-G20 by extending the deadlines for conducting damage inspections, submitting inspection results, and completing any repairs. Also, the NTL specifies the contents of monthly inspection and status reports

**OCS Platforms and Structures**

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.901(a)(4) and 250.920(a), (b), (c), and (e), you must periodically inspect OCS platforms and structures (platforms) in accordance with the provisions of American Petroleum Institute Recommended Practice 2A-WSD, Twenty-First Edition (API RP 2A-WSD), Section 14, Surveys. Under this authority, NTL 2005-G20 requires you to conduct surveys of platforms located along the paths of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

A. **Surveys and repairs.** *NTL 2005-G20 requires you to complete all of these surveys by May 1, 2006, and to correct any damage you find during a platform survey before June 1, 2006. Due to extent of the damage and the scarcity of resources and equipment, the MMS GOMR is extending the deadline to complete the required platform surveys to October 1, 2006, and the deadline to complete all work to correct any damage to November 1, 2006.*

B. **Survey plan.** NTL 2005-G20 also requires you to submit the following information by November 4, 2005:

1. A list of all your OCS platforms and other structures that are required to be surveyed;

2. For each listed structure, an initial survey plan that generally describes the work you will perform to determine the condition of the structure; and
3. A timetable that shows how you will complete all surveys by May 5, 2006.

***The deadline for submitting these initial survey reports (showing how you will complete the surveys by October 1, 2006) is hereby extended to June 22, 2006. Be advised that failure to provide this initial survey report by this date may result in the issuance of an Incident of Non-compliance (INC) or other appropriate enforcement action.***

C. Monthly survey results and platform status reports. NTL 2005-G20 also requires you to submit a monthly report of survey results and platform status by e-mail to [structures@mms.gov](mailto:structures@mms.gov). Include in the report

- (1) A list (in spreadsheet format) of all your OCS platforms and other structures that must be surveyed;
- (2) A timetable that shows how you will complete all surveys by October 1, 2006;
- (3) For each listed structure, a survey plan that generally describes the work you performed or will perform to determine the condition of the structure;
- (4) If surveyed, the date(s) of the survey;
- (5) The type of damage found;
- (6) The location of damage;
- (7) The suspected cause of damage;
- (8) Whether the damage has been repaired;
- (9) If not surveyed, the estimated date(s) of survey;
- (10) Whether the platform is “in service” or “out of service;” and
- (11) If returned to service, the date.

Include your company name and the report month (e.g., Beowulf, June Hurricane Inspection) on the subject line of these e-mail messages. If you would like us to provide you with the spreadsheet to use in preparing these reports, please send a request by e-mail (include all operator names) to [structures@mms.gov](mailto:structures@mms.gov), and we will send it to you. If you use this spreadsheet, you may add columns as necessary.

***The deadlines for submitting these monthly reports are:***

***June 16, 2006***

***July 7, 2006***

***August 4, 2006***

***September 1, 2006***

***October 6, 2006***

***November 10, 2006***

***Failure to provide monthly survey results and platform status reports may result in the issuance of an Incident of Non-compliance (INC) or other appropriate enforcement action.***

Please be advised that you may consider any platform survey you conduct under this NTL to be a survey you periodically conduct under Section 14.4.2 of API RP 2A-WSD. If you do, that survey restarts the established survey time interval.

## OCS Pipelines

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1005(a), you must conduct inspections of pipeline routes at intervals and using methods prescribed by MMS. Under this authority, NTL 2005-G20 requires you to conduct pipeline inspections located along the paths of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

A. Inspections and repairs. NTL 2005-G20 requires you to complete all of these inspections by May 5, 2006, and to correct any damage you find during a pipeline inspection before June 1, 2006. ***This NTL extends the deadline to conduct these pipeline inspections to October 6, 2006, and to complete the repair work to November 1, 2006.***

B. Monthly inspection results and pipeline status reports. NTL 2005-G20 also requires you to submit a monthly report of inspection results and pipeline status by e-mail to [pipelines@mms.gov](mailto:pipelines@mms.gov). Include in the report

- (1) The MMS-assigned pipeline segment number;
- (2) The size of the pipeline;
- (3) If inspected, the date(s) of the inspection;
- (4) The type of damage found;
- (5) The location of damage (including damage to risers);
- (6) The suspected cause of damage;
- (7) Whether the damage has been repaired;
- (8) If not inspected, the estimated date(s) of inspection;
- (9) Whether the pipeline is “in service” or “out of service;” and
- (10) If returned to service, the date.

***The deadlines for submitting these monthly reports are:***

***June 16, 2006***

***July 7, 2006***

***August 4, 2006***

***September 1, 2006***

***October 6, 2006***

***November 10, 2006***

***Be advised that the MMS GOMR may issue you an Incident of Non-compliance (INC) or take other appropriate enforcement action if you fail to submit these reports timely.***

## Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3504 et seq.) requires us to inform you that the MMS collects this information to carry out its responsibilities under the OCS Lands Act, as amended. The MMS will use the information to determine if the structural integrity of platforms and pipelines may have been adversely affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, if any damage poses a threat to continued safe operations or the environment and, if so, whether to require correction action on damaged structures. Responses are mandatory. No proprietary data are collected. We estimate the public reporting burden to average 245 hours per respondent. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of

information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB has approved the collection of information and assigned OMB control number 1010-0164. Direct any comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 4230, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

### **Contacts**

Address any questions regarding *platform* surveys or reports to the MMS GOMR Office of Technical and Structural Support by telephone at (504) 736-2895, or by e-mail at [structures@mms.gov](mailto:structures@mms.gov).

Address any questions regarding *pipeline* inspections or reports to Mr. Alex Alvarado of the MMS GOMR Pipeline Section by telephone at (504) 736-2547 or (504) 452-3562, or by e-mail at [pipelines@mms.gov](mailto:pipelines@mms.gov). Please do not use this e-mail address to submit other pipeline-related correspondence (e.g., applications, reports).

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