

The Topographic Features Stipulation

(a) No activity including structures, drilling rigs, pipelines, or anchoring will be allowed within the listed isobath ("No Activity Zone") of the banks as listed above.

(b) Operations within the area shown as "1,000 Meter Zone" will be restricted by shunting all drill cuttings and drilling fluids to the bottom through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than ten meters, from the bottom.

(c) Operations within the area shown as "1 Mile Zone" will be restricted by shunting all drill cuttings and drilling fluids to the bottom through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than ten meters, from the bottom. (Where there is a "1 Mile Zone" designated, the 1,000 Meter Zone in paragraph (b) is not designated.)

(d) Operations within the area shown as "3 Mile Zone" will be restricted by shunting all drill cuttings and drilling fluids from development operations to the bottom through a downpipe that terminates an appropriate distance, but no more than ten meters, from the bottom.

The banks of the Central Gulf are:

BANK NAME	ISOBATH (METERS)	BANK NAME	ISOBATH (METERS)
McGrail Bank	85	Parker Bank	85
Bouma Bank	85	Fishnet Bank ²	76
Rezak Bank	85	Jakkula Bank	85
Sidner Bank	85	Sweet Bank ¹	85
Sonnier Bank	55	Rankin Bank	85
Sackett Bank ²	85	29 Fathom Bank	64
Ewing Bank	85	Bright Bank	85
Diaphus Bank ²	85	Geyer Bank ³	85
Alderdice Bank	80	MacNeil Bank ³	82

¹ Only paragraph (a) of the stipulation applies.

² Only paragraphs (a) and (b) apply.

³ Western Gulf of Mexico bank with a portion of its "3 Mile Zone" in the Central Gulf of Mexico.

The banks of the Western Gulf are:

BANK NAME	ISOBATH (METERS)	BANK NAME	ISOBATH (METERS)
<i>Shelf Edge Banks</i>		<i>Low Relief Banks²</i>	
West Flower Garden Bank ¹ (defined by ¼ ¼ ¼ system)	100	Mysterious Bank	74, 76, 78, 80, 84
East Flower Garden Bank ¹ (defined by ¼ ¼ ¼ system)	100	Blackfish Ridge	70
MacNeil Bank	82	Big Dunn Bar	65
29 Fathom Bank	64	Small Dunn Bar	65
Rankin Bank	85	32 Fathom Bank	52
Claypile Bank ³	50	Coffee Lump	Various
Geyer Bank	85	<i>South Texas Banks⁴</i>	
Elvers Bank	85	Dream Bank	78, 82
Bright Bank ⁵	85	Stetson Bank	62
McGrail Bank ⁵	85	Southern Bank	80
Rezak Bank ⁵	85	Hospital Bank	70
Sidner Bank	85	Aransas Bank	70
Parker Bank	85	South Baker Bank	70
Applebaum Bank	85	Baker Bank	70

¹ Flower Garden Banks - In paragraph (c), a "4 Mile Zone" rather than a "1 Mile Zone" applies.

² Low Relief Banks - Only paragraph (a) applies.

³ Claypile Bank - paragraphs (a) and (b) apply. In paragraph (b) monitoring of the effluent to determine the effect on the biota of Claypile Bank shall be required rather than shunting.

⁴ South Texas Banks - Only paragraphs (a) and (b) apply.

⁵ Central Gulf of Mexico bank with a portion of its "1 Mile Zone" and/or "3 Mile Zone" in the Western Gulf of Mexico.