

(2) Has a valid commercial trawling license for both the vessel and its captain.

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§ 250.1742 What other methods can I use to verify that a site is clear?

If you do not trawl a site, you can verify that the site is clear of obstructions by using any of the methods shown in the following table:

If you use—	You must—	And you must—
(a) Sonar	cover 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).	Use a sonar signal with a frequency of at least 500 kHz.
(b) A diver	ensure that the diver visually inspects 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).	Ensure that the diver uses a search pattern of concentric circles or parallel lines spaced no more than 10 feet apart.
(c) An ROV (remotely operated vehicle) ...	ensure that the ROV camera records videotape over 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).	Ensure that the ROV uses a pattern of concentric circles or parallel lines spaced no more than 10 feet apart.

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§ 250.1743 How do I certify that a site is clear of obstructions?

(a) For a well site, you must submit to the appropriate District Manager within 30 days after you complete the verification activities a form MMS-124, Application for Permit to Modify, to include the following information:

- (1) A signed certification that the well site area is cleared of all obstructions;
- (2) The date the verification work was performed and the vessel used;
- (3) The extent of the area surveyed;
- (4) The survey method used;
- (5) The results of the survey, including a list of any debris removed or a statement from the trawling contractor that no objects were recovered; and
- (6) A post-trawling job plot or map showing the trawled area.

(b) For a platform or other facility site, you must submit the following information to the appropriate Regional Supervisor within 30 days after you complete the verification activities:

- (1) A letter signed by an authorized company official certifying that the platform or other facility site area is cleared of all obstructions and that a company representative witnessed the verification activities;

(2) A letter signed by an authorized official of the company that performed the verification work for you certifying that they cleared the platform or other facility site area of all obstructions;

- (3) The date the verification work was performed and the vessel used;
- (4) The extent of the area surveyed;
- (5) The survey method used;
- (6) The results of the survey, including a list of any debris removed or a statement from the trawling contractor that no objects were recovered; and
- (7) A post-trawling job plot or map showing the trawled area.

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PIPELINE DECOMMISSIONING

§ 250.1750 When may I decommission a pipeline in place?

You may decommission a pipeline in place when the Regional Supervisor determines that the pipeline does not constitute a hazard (obstruction) to navigation and commercial fishing operations, unduly interfere with other uses of the OCS, or have adverse environmental effects.