

Safety & Environmental Enforcement, Interior

§ 250.1741

§ 250.1731 Who is responsible for decommissioning an OCS facility subject to an Alternate Use RUE?

(a) The holder of an Alternate Use RUE issued under 30 CFR part 585 is responsible for all decommissioning obligations that accrue following the issuance of the Alternate Use RUE and which pertain to the Alternate Use RUE. See 30 CFR part 585, subpart J, for additional information concerning the decommissioning responsibilities of an Alternate Use RUE grant holder.

(b) The lessee under the lease originally issued under 30 CFR part 556 will remain responsible for decommissioning obligations that accrued before issuance of the Alternate Use RUE, as well as for decommissioning obligations that accrue following issuance of the Alternate Use RUE to the extent associated with continued activities authorized under this part.

(c) If a lease issued under 30 CFR part 556 is cancelled or otherwise terminated under any provision of this subchapter, the lessee, upon our approval, may defer removal of any OCS facility within the lease area that is subject to an Alternate Use RUE. If we elect to grant such a deferral, the lessee remains responsible for removing the facility upon termination of the Alternate Use RUE and will be required to retain sufficient bonding or other financial assurances to ensure that the structure is removed or otherwise decommissioned in accordance with the provisions of this subpart.

SITE CLEARANCE FOR WELLS, PLATFORMS, AND OTHER FACILITIES

§ 250.1740 How must I verify that the site of a permanently plugged well, removed platform, or other removed facility is clear of obstructions?

Within 60 days after you permanently plug a well or remove a platform or other facility, you must verify that the site is clear of obstructions by using one of the following methods:

- (a) For a well site, you must either:
 - (1) Drag a trawl over the site;
 - (2) Scan across the location using sonar equipment;
 - (3) Inspect the site using a diver;
 - (4) Videotape the site using a camera on a remotely operated vehicle (ROV); or
 - (5) Use another method approved by the District Manager if the particular site conditions warrant.
- (b) For a platform or other facility site in water depths less than 300 feet, you must drag a trawl over the site.
- (c) For a platform or other facility site in water depths 300 feet or more, you must either:
 - (1) Drag a trawl over the site;
 - (2) Scan across the site using sonar equipment; or
 - (3) Use another method approved by the Regional Supervisor if the particular site conditions warrant.

§ 250.1741 If I drag a trawl across a site, what requirements must I meet?

If you drag a trawl across the site in accordance with § 250.1740, you must meet all of the requirements of this section.

(a) You must drag the trawl in a grid-like pattern as shown in the following table:

For a . . .	You must drag the trawl across a . . .
(1) Well site,	300-foot-radius circle centered on the well location.
(2) Subsea well site,	600-foot-radius circle centered on the well location.
(3) Platform site,	1,320-foot-radius circle centered on the location of the platform.
(4) Single-well caisson, well protector jacket, template, or manifold,	600-foot-radius circle centered on the structure location.

(b) You must trawl 100 percent of the limits described in paragraph (a) of this section in two directions.

(c) You must mark the area to be cleared as a hazard to navigation according to USCG requirements until