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(2) The study must evaluate the cause of the hazard, the potential damage, and the available mitigation measures.

(3) You must pay for the study unless you request, and the Regional Supervisor agrees to arrange, payment by another party.

(4) You must furnish copies and results of the study to the Regional Supervisor.

(5) BSEE will make the results available to other interested parties and to the public.

(6) The Regional Supervisor will use the results of the study and any other information that becomes available:

(i) To decide if the suspension can be lifted; and

(ii) To determine any actions that you must take to mitigate or avoid any damage to the environment, life, or property.

(b) Submit a revised Exploration Plan (including any required mitigating measures);

(c) Submit a revised Development and Production Plan (including any required mitigating measures); or

(d) Submit a revised Development Operations Coordination Document according to 30 CFR part 550, subpart B.

PRIMARY LEASE REQUIREMENTS, LEASE TERM EXTENSIONS, AND LEASE CANCELLATIONS

§ 250.180 What am I required to do to keep my lease term in effect?

(a) If your lease is in its primary term:

(1) You must submit a report to the District Manager according to paragraphs (h) and (i) of this section whenever production begins initially, whenever production ceases during the last 180 days of the primary term, and whenever production resumes during the last 180 days of the primary term.

(2) Your lease expires at the end of its primary term unless you are conducting operations on your lease (see 30 CFR part 556). For purposes of this section, the term *operations* means, drilling, well-reworking, or production in paying quantities. The objective of the drilling or well-reworking must be to establish production in paying quantities on the lease.

(b) If you stop conducting operations during the last 180 days of your primary lease term, your lease will expire unless you either resume operations or receive an SOO or an SOP from the Regional Supervisor under §§ 250.172, 250.173, 250.174, or 250.175 before the end of the 180th day after you stop operations.

(c) If you extend your lease term under paragraph (b) of this section, you must pay rental or minimum royalty, as appropriate, for each year or part of the year during which your lease continues in force beyond the end of the primary lease term.

(d) If you stop conducting operations on a lease that has continued beyond its primary term, your lease will expire unless you resume operations or receive an SOO or an SOP from the Regional Supervisor under § 250.172, 250.173, 250.174, or 250.175 before the end of the 180th day after you stop operations.

(e) You may ask the Regional Supervisor to allow you more than 180 days to resume operations on a lease continued beyond its primary term when operating conditions warrant. The request must be in writing and explain the operating conditions that warrant a longer period. In allowing additional time, the Regional Supervisor must determine that the longer period is in the National interest, and it conserves resources, prevents waste, or protects correlative rights.

(f) When you begin conducting operations on a lease that has continued beyond its primary term, you must immediately notify the District Manager either orally or by fax or e-mail and follow up with a written report according to paragraph (g) of this section.

(g) If your lease is continued beyond its primary term, you must submit a report to the District Manager under paragraphs (h) and (i) of this section whenever production begins initially, whenever production ceases, whenever production resumes before the end of the 180-day period after having ceased, or whenever drilling or well-reworking operations begin before the end of the 180-day period.

(h) The reports required by paragraphs (a) and (g) of this section must contain:

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- (1) Name of lessee or operator;
- (2) The well number, lease number, area, and block;
- (3) As appropriate, the unit agreement name and number; and
- (4) A description of the operation and pertinent dates.

(i) You must submit the reports required by paragraphs (a) and (g) of this section within the following time-frames:

- (1) Initialization of production—within 5 days of initial production.
- (2) Cessation of production—within 15 days after the first full month of zero production.
- (3) Resumption of production—within 5 days of resuming production after ceasing production under paragraph (i)(2) of this section.
- (4) Drilling or well reworking operations—within 5 days of beginning and completing the leaseholding operations.
- (j) For leases continued beyond the primary term, you must immediately report to the District Manager if operations do not begin before the end of the 180-day period.

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INFORMATION AND REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS

§ 250.186 What reporting information and report forms must I submit?

- (a) You must submit information and reports as BSEE requires.
 - (1) You may obtain copies of forms from, and submit completed forms to, the District Manager or Regional Supervisor.
 - (2) Instead of paper copies of forms available from the District Manager or Regional Supervisor, you may use your own computer-generated forms that are equal in size to BSEE's forms. You must arrange the data on your form identical to the BSEE form. If you generate your own form and it omits terms and conditions contained on the official BSEE form, we will consider it to contain the omitted terms and conditions.
 - (3) You may submit digital data when the Region/District is equipped to accept it.

(b) When BSEE specifies, you must include, for public information, an additional copy of such reports.

- (1) You must mark it *Public Information*
- (2) You must include all required information, except information exempt from public disclosure under §250.197 or otherwise exempt from public disclosure under law or regulation.

§ 250.187 What are BSEE's incident reporting requirements?

- (a) You must report all incidents listed in §250.188(a) and (b) to the District Manager. The specific reporting requirements for these incidents are contained in §§ 250.189 and 250.190.
- (b) These reporting requirements apply to incidents that occur on the area covered by your lease, right-of-use and easement, pipeline right-of-way, or other permit issued by BOEM or BSEE, and that are related to operations resulting from the exercise of your rights under your lease, right-of-use and easement, pipeline right-of-way, or permit.
- (c) Nothing in this subpart relieves you from making notifications and reports of incidents that may be required by other regulatory agencies.
- (d) You must report all spills of oil or other liquid pollutants in accordance with 30 CFR 254.46.

§ 250.188 What incidents must I report to BSEE and when must I report them?

- (a) You must report the following incidents to the District Manager immediately via oral communication, and provide a written follow-up report (hard copy or electronically transmitted) within 15 calendar days after the incident:
 - (1) All fatalities.
 - (2) All injuries that require the evacuation of the injured person(s) from the facility to shore or to another offshore facility.
 - (3) All losses of well control. "Loss of well control" means:
 - (i) Uncontrolled flow of formation or other fluids. The flow may be to an exposed formation (an underground blow-out) or at the surface (a surface blow-out);
 - (ii) Flow through a diverter; or