

## Ocean Energy Management, Interior

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§ 585.437 and, you must initiate the decommissioning process as set forth in subpart I of this part.

### **§ 585.636 What notices must I provide BOEM following approval of my COP?**

You must notify BOEM in writing of the following events, within the time periods provided:

(a) No later than 30 days after commencing activities associated with the placement of facilities on the lease area under a Fabrication and Installation Report.

(b) No later than 30 days after completion of construction and installation activities under a Fabrication and Installation Report.

(c) At least 7 days before commencing commercial operations.

### **§ 585.637 When may I commence commercial operations on my commercial lease?**

If you are conducting activities on your lease that:

(a) Do not require a FERC license (*i.e.*, wind), then you may commence commercial operations 30 days after the CVA or project engineer has submitted to BOEM the final Fabrication and Installation Report for the fabrication and installation review, as provided in § 585.708.

(b) Require a FERC license or exemption, then you may commence commercial operations when permitted by the terms of your license or exemption.

### **§ 585.638 What must I do upon completion of my commercial operations as approved in my COP or FERC license?**

(a) Upon completion of your approved activities under your COP, you must initiate the decommissioning process as set forth in subpart I of this part. You must submit your decommissioning application as provided in §§ 585.905 and 585.906.

(b) Upon completion of your approved activities under your FERC license, the terms of your FERC license will govern your decommissioning activities.

### **§ 585.639 [Reserved]**

## **GENERAL ACTIVITIES PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED LEASES, ROW GRANTS, AND RUE GRANTS**

### **§ 585.640 What is a General Activities Plan (GAP)?**

(a) A GAP describes your proposed construction, activities, and conceptual decommissioning plans for all planned facilities, including testing of technology devices and onshore and support facilities that you will construct and use for your project, including any project easements for the assessment and development of your limited lease or grant.

(b) You must receive BOEM approval of your GAP before you can begin any of the approved activities on your lease or grant. For a ROW grant or RUE grant issued competitively, you must submit your GAP within 6 months of issuance.

### **§ 585.641 What must I demonstrate in my GAP?**

Your GAP must demonstrate that you have planned and are prepared to conduct the proposed activities in a manner that:

(a) Conforms to all applicable laws, implementing regulations, lease provisions and stipulations;

(b) Is safe;

(c) Does not unreasonably interfere with other uses of the OCS, including those involved with National security or defense;

(d) Does not cause undue harm or damage to natural resources; life (including human and wildlife); property; the marine, coastal, or human environment; or sites, structures, or objects of historical or archaeological significance;

(e) Uses best available and safest technology;

(f) Uses best management practices; and

(g) Uses properly trained personnel.

### **§ 585.642 How do I submit my GAP?**

(a) You must submit one paper copy and one electronic version of your GAP to BOEM at the address listed in § 585.110(a).

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(b) If you have a limited lease, you may submit information on any project easement as part of your original GAP submission or as a revision to your GAP.

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**CONTENTS OF THE GENERAL ACTIVITIES PLAN**

**§ 585.645 What must I include in my GAP?**

(a) You must provide the following results of geophysical and geological surveys, hazards surveys, archaeological surveys (if required), and baseline collection studies (e.g., biological) with the supporting data in your GAP:

Information:	Report contents:	Including:
(1) Geotechnical .....	The results from the geotechnical survey with supporting data.	A description of all relevant seabed and engineering data and information to allow for the design of the foundation for that facility. You must provide data and information to depths below which the underlying conditions will not influence the integrity or performance of the structure. This could include a series of sampling locations (borings and in situ tests) as well as laboratory testing of soil samples, but may consist of a minimum of one deep boring with samples.
(2) Shallow hazards .....	The results from the shallow hazards survey with supporting data.	A description of information sufficient to determine the presence of the following features and their likely effects on your proposed facility, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Shallow faults;</li> <li>(ii) Gas seeps or shallow gas;</li> <li>(iii) Slump blocks or slump sediments;</li> <li>(iv) Hydrates; or</li> <li>(v) Ice scour of seabed sediments.</li> </ul>
(3) Archaeological resources.	The results from the archaeological survey with supporting data, if required.	(i) A description of the results and data from the archaeological survey;
(4) Geological survey .....	The results from the geological survey with supporting data.	(ii) A description of the historic and prehistoric archaeological resources, as required by NHPA (16 U.S.C. 470 <i>et seq.</i> ), as amended.
(5) Biological survey .....	The results from the biological survey with supporting data.	A report that describes the results of a geological survey that includes descriptions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Seismic activity at your proposed site;</li> <li>(ii) Fault zones;</li> <li>(iii) The possibility and effects of seabed subsidence; and</li> <li>(iv) The extent and geometry of faulting attenuation effects of geologic conditions near your site.</li> </ul>
		A description of the results of a biological survey, including the presence of live bottoms, hard bottoms, and topographic features, and surveys of other marine resources such as fish populations (including migratory populations), marine mammals, sea turtles, and sea birds.

(b) For all activities you propose to conduct under your GAP, you must provide the following information:

Project information:	Including:
(1) Contact information .....	The name, address, e-mail address, and phone number of an authorized representative.
(2) The site assessment or technology testing concept .....	A discussion of the objectives; description of the proposed activities, including the technology you will use; and proposed schedule from start to completion.