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face amount, we may shut in any well(s) or utilization facilities covered by that bond and may terminate affected leases.

**§ 3215.13 Will BLM terminate or re-lease my bond?**

(a) BLM does not cancel or terminate bonds. We may inform you that your existing bond is insufficient.

(b) The bond provider may terminate your bond provided it gives you and BLM 30-days notice. The bond provider remains responsible for obligations that accrued during the period of liability while the bond was in effect.

(c) BLM will release a bond, terminating all liability under that bond, if:

(1) The new bond that you file covers all existing liabilities and we accept it; or

(2) After a reasonable period of time, we determine that you paid all royalties, rents, penalties, and assessments, and satisfied all permit and lease obligations.

(d) If an adequate bond is not in place, do not conduct any operations until you provide a new bond that meets our requirements.

**§ 3215.14 When BLM releases my bond, does that end my responsibilities?**

When BLM releases your bond, we relinquish the security but we continue to hold the lessee or operator responsible for noncompliance with applicable requirements under the lease. Specifically, we do not waive any legal claim we may have against any person under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), or other laws and regulations.

**Subpart 3216—Transfers**

**§ 3216.10 What types of lease interests may I transfer?**

You may transfer record title or operating rights, but you need BLM ap-

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proval before your transfer is effective (see § 3216.21).

**§ 3216.11 Where must I file a transfer request?**

File your transfer in the BLM State Office that handles your lease.

**§ 3216.12 When does a transferee take responsibility for lease obligations?**

After BLM approves your transfer, the transferee is responsible for performing all lease obligations accruing after the date of the transfer, and for plugging and abandoning wells which exist and are not plugged and abandoned at the time of the transfer.

**§ 3216.13 What are my responsibilities after I transfer my interest?**

After you transfer an interest in a lease you are still responsible for rents, royalties, compensatory royalties, and other obligations that accrued before your transfer became effective. You also remain responsible for plugging and abandoning any wells that were drilled or existing on the lease while you held your interest. You must carry out this responsibility upon the BLM's determination at any future time that the wells must be plugged and abandoned.

**§ 3216.14 What filing fees and forms does a transfer require?**

With each transfer request you must send BLM the correct form and pay the transfer fee required by this section. When you calculate your fee, make sure it covers the full amount. For example, if you are transferring record title for three leases, submit three times the fee for "Assignment and transfer of record title or operating rights" in the fee schedule in § 3000.12 of this chapter.

Use the following chart to determine the number and types of forms required. The applicable transfer fees are in the fee schedule in § 3000.12 of this chapter.

| Type of transfer            | Form required? | Form No.        | Number of copies   |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| (a) Record Title .....      | Yes .....      | 3000-3 .....    | 2 executed copies. |
| (b) Operating Rights .....  | Yes .....      | 3000-3(a) ..... | 2 executed copies. |
| (c) Estate Transfers .....  | No .....       | N/A .....       | 1 List of Leases.  |
| (d) Corporate Mergers ..... | No .....       | N/A .....       | 1 List of Leases.  |
| (e) Name Changes .....      | No .....       | N/A .....       | 1 List of Leases.  |