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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.

§ 250.1751 How do I decommission a pipeline in place?

You must do the following to decommission a pipeline in place:

(a) Submit a pipeline decommissioning application in triplicate to the Regional Supervisor for approval. Your application must be accompanied by payment of the service fee listed in § 250.125. Your application must include the following information:

- (1) Reason for the operation;
 - (2) Proposed decommissioning procedures;
 - (3) Length (feet) of segment to be decommissioned; and
 - (4) Length (feet) of segment remaining.
- (b) Pig the pipeline, unless the Regional Supervisor determines that pigging is not practical;
- (c) Flush the pipeline;
- (d) Fill the pipeline with seawater;
- (e) Cut and plug each end of the pipeline;
- (f) Bury each end of the pipeline at least 3 feet below the seafloor or cover each end with protective concrete mats, if required by the Regional Supervisor; and
- (g) Remove all pipeline valves and other fittings that could unduly interfere with other uses of the OCS.

§ 250.1752 How do I remove a pipeline?

Before removing a pipeline, you must:

(a) Submit a pipeline removal application in triplicate to the Regional Supervisor for approval. Your application must be accompanied by payment of the service fee listed in § 250.125. Your application must include the following information:

- (1) Proposed removal procedures;

(2) If the Regional Supervisor requires it, a description, including anchor pattern(s), of the vessel(s) you will use to remove the pipeline;

- (3) Length (feet) to be removed;
 - (4) Length (feet) of the segment that will remain in place;
 - (5) Plans for transportation of the removed pipe for disposal or salvage;
 - (6) Plans to protect archaeological and sensitive biological features during removal operations, including a brief assessment of the environmental impacts of the removal operations and procedures and mitigation measures that you will take to minimize such impacts; and
 - (7) Projected removal schedule and duration.
- (b) Pig the pipeline, unless the Regional Supervisor determines that pigging is not practical; and
- (c) Flush the pipeline.

§ 250.1753 After I decommission a pipeline, what information must I submit?

Within 30 days after you decommission a pipeline, you must submit a written report to the Regional Supervisor that includes the following:

- (a) A summary of the decommissioning operation including the date it was completed;
- (b) A description of any mitigation measures you took; and
- (c) A statement signed by your authorized representative that certifies that the pipeline was decommissioned according to the approved application.

§ 250.1754 When must I remove a pipeline decommissioned in place?

You must remove a pipeline decommissioned in place if the Regional Supervisor determines that the pipeline is an obstruction.

Subpart R [Reserved]

Subpart S—Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS)

§ 250.1900 Must I have a SEMS program?

You must develop, implement, and maintain a safety and environmental management system (SEMS) program.

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Your SEMS program must address the elements described in § 250.1902, American Petroleum Institute's Recommended Practice for Development of a Safety and Environmental Management Program for Offshore Operations and Facilities (API RP 75) (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198), and other requirements as identified in this subpart.

(a) If there are any conflicts between the requirements of this subpart and API RP 75; COS-2-01, COS-2-03, or COS-2-04; or ISO/IEC 17011 (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198), you must follow the requirements of this subpart.

(b) Nothing in this subpart affects safety or other matters under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.

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§ 250.1901 What is the goal of my SEMS program?

The goal of your SEMS program is to promote safety and environmental protection by ensuring all personnel aboard a facility are complying with the policies and procedures identified in your SEMS.

(a) To accomplish this goal, you must ensure that your SEMS program identifies, addresses, and manages safety, environmental hazards, and impacts during the design, construction, start-up, operation (including, but not limited to, drilling and decommissioning), inspection, and maintenance of all new and existing facilities, including mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs) when attached to the seabed and Department of the Interior (DOI) regulated pipelines.

(b) All personnel involved with your SEMS program must be trained to have the skills and knowledge to perform their assigned duties.

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§ 250.1902 What must I include in my SEMS program?

You must have a properly documented SEMS program in place and make it available to BSEE upon request as required by § 250.1924(b).

(a) Your SEMS program must meet the minimum criteria outlined in this

subpart, including the following SEMS program elements:

- (1) General (see § 250.1909)
- (2) Safety and Environmental Information (see § 250.1910)
- (3) Hazards Analysis (see § 250.1911)
- (4) Management of Change (see § 250.1912)
- (5) Operating Procedures (see § 250.1913)
- (6) Safe Work Practices (see § 250.1914)
- (7) Training (see § 250.1915)
- (8) Mechanical Integrity (Assurance of Quality and Mechanical Integrity of Critical Equipment) (see § 250.1916)
- (9) Pre-startup Review (see § 250.1917)
- (10) Emergency Response and Control (see § 250.1918)
- (11) Investigation of Incidents (see § 250.1919)
- (12) Auditing (Audit of Safety and Environmental Management Program Elements) (see § 250.1920)
- (13) Recordkeeping (Records and Documentation) and additional BSEE requirements (see § 250.1928)
- (14) Stop Work Authority (SWA) (see § 250.1930)
- (15) Ultimate Work Authority (UWA) (see § 250.1931)
- (16) Employee Participation Plan (EPP) (see § 250.1932)
- (17) Reporting Unsafe Working Conditions (see § 250.1933).

(b) You must include a job safety analysis (JSA) for OCS activities identified or discussed in your SEMS program (see § 250.1911).

(c) Your SEMS program must meet or exceed the standards of safety and environmental protection of API RP 75 (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198).

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§ 250.1903 Acronyms and definitions.

Definitions listed in this section apply to this subpart and supersede definitions in API RP 75, Appendices D and E; COS-2-01, COS-2-03, and COS-2-04; and ISO/IEC 17011 (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198).

(a) *Acronyms* used frequently in this subpart have the following meanings:

- AB* means Accreditation Body,
- ASP* means Audit Service Provider,
- CAP* means Corrective Action Plan,