

University of Texas Library, 21st and
Speedway Streets, Austin
Victoria Public Library, 320 North Main,
Victoria

Louisiana

Calcasieu Parish Library, 327 Broad Street,
Lake Charles
Cameron Parish Library, Marshall Street,
Cameron
Grand Isle Branch Library, Highway 1, Grand
Isle
Government Documents Library, Loyola
University, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New
Orleans
Iberville Parish Library, 24605 J. Gerald
Berret Boulevard, Plaquemine
Jefferson Parish Lobby Branch Library, 3410
North Causeway Boulevard, Metairie
Jefferson Parish West Bank Outreach Branch
Library, 2751 Manhattan Boulevard,
Harvey
Louisiana State University Library, 760
Riverside Road, Baton Rouge
Lafayette Public Library, 301 W. Congress
Street, Lafayette
Lafitte Branch Library, Route 1, Box 2, Lafitte
Lafourche Parish Library, 303 West 5th
Street, Thibodaux
Louisiana Tech University, Prescott
Memorial Library, Everet Street, Ruston
LUMCON, Library, Star Route 541, Chauvin
McNeese State University, Luther E. Frazier
Memorial Library, Ryan Street, Lake
Charles
New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola
Avenue, New Orleans
Nicholls State University, Nicholls State
Library, Leighton Drive, Thibodaux
Plaquemine Parish Library, 203 Highway 11,
South, Buras
St. Bernard Parish Library, 1125 East St.
Bernard Highway, Chalmette
St. Charles Parish Library, 105 Lakewood
Drive, Luling
St. John The Baptist Parish Library, 1334
West Airline Highway, Laplace
St. Mary Parish Library, 206 Iberia Street,
Franklin
St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington
Branch, 310 West 21st Street, Covington
St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell Branch,
555 Robert Boulevard, Slidell
Terrebonne Parish Library, 424 Roussell
Street, Houma
Tulane University, Howard Tilton Memorial
Library, 7001 Freret Street, New Orleans
University of New Orleans Library,
Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans
University of Southwestern LA, Dupre
Library, 302 East St. Mary Boulevard,
Lafayette
Vermillion Parish Library, Abbeville Branch,
200 North Street, Abbeville

Mississippi

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Gunter
Library, 703 East Beach Drive, Ocean
Springs
Hancock County Library System, 312
Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis
Harrison County Library, 14th and 21st
Avenues, Gulfport
Jackson George Regional Library System,
3214 Pascagoula Street, Pascagoula

Alabama

Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Marine
Environmental Science Consortium,
Library, Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin
Island
Gulf Shores Public Library, Municipal
Complex, Route 3, Gulf Shores
Mobile Public Library, 701 Government
Street, Mobile
Montgomery Public Library, 445 South
Lawrence Street, Montgomery
Thomas B. Norton Public Library, 221 West
19th Avenue, Gulf Shores
University of South Alabama, University
Boulevard, Mobile

Florida

Bay County Public Library, 25 West
Government Street, Panama City
Florida A & M University, Coleman Memorial
Library, Martin Luther King Boulevard,
Tallahassee
Florida Northwest Regional Library System,
25 West Government Street, Panama City
Florida State University, Strozier Library,
Call Street and Copeland Avenue,
Tallahassee
Fort Walton Beach Public Library, 105
Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach
Leon County Public Library, 200 West Park
Avenue, Tallahassee
University of Florida Library, University
Avenue, Gainesville
University of Florida, Holland Law Center
Library, Southwest 25th Street and 2nd
Avenue, Gainesville
West Florida Regional Library, 200 West
Gregory Street, Pensacola

**Public Hearings for Proposed Central
and Western Gulf of Mexico Sales 157
and 161**

In accordance with 30 CFR 256.26,
the Minerals Management Service will
hold three public hearings (dates, times,
and locations are listed below) soliciting
comments on the draft environmental
impact statement (EIS) for proposed
1996 Gulf of Mexico Sales 157 and 161.
The hearings will provide the Secretary
of the Interior with information from
interested parties that will help in the
evaluation of the potential effects of
proposed lease Sales 157 and 161. These
hearings will also serve as an early
opportunity for determining the scope
of significant issues related to the
development of a draft EIS for proposed
1997 Gulf of Mexico Sales 166 and 168,
as well as for the draft EIS for the 5-year
OCS oil and gas leasing program for
1997-2002. The hearings will provide
information for the development of
appropriate alternatives and mitigating
measures, as well as for the
identification of significant issues, to be
considered in that draft EIS.

Persons who wish to testify at these
hearings may register the day of the
hearing at the hearing sites beginning
one hour prior to the meeting. Oral
testimony should be limited to 10

minutes. Each hearing will begin at the
specified time and will recess when all
speakers have had an opportunity to
testify. If there are no additional
speakers, the hearing will adjourn
immediately after the recess. Testimony
may be supplemented by a written
statement that, if submitted at a hearing,
will be considered as part of the hearing
record. Those unable to attend the
hearing may submit written statements
until the close of the comment period,
July 14, 1995. Written statements should
be submitted to the Regional Director,
Minerals Management Service, Gulf of
Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood
Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana
70123-2394.

Alabama: Dauphin Island on June 8,
1995; 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Dauphin Island Sea Lab, 101 Bienville
Boulevard, Dauphin Island,
Alabama

Texas: Houston on June 13, 1995; 1:00-
3:00 p.m.

Marriott International Airport Hotel,
18700 John F. Kennedy Boulevard,
Houston, Texas

Louisiana: New Orleans on June 14,
1995; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Minerals Management Service, 1201
Elmwood Park Boulevard,
Conference Room 111, Jefferson,
Louisiana

Dated: April 14, 1995.

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*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals
Management.*

Willie R. Taylor,

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and
Compliance.*

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Minerals Management Service (MMS)**Minerals Management Advisory Board,
Outer Continental Shelf (OCS),
Scientific Committee (SC);
Announcement of Plenary Session**

This Notice is issued in accordance
with the provisions of the Federal
Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-
463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the
Office of Management and Budget
Circular A-63, Revised.

The Minerals Management Advisory
Board OCS SC will meet in plenary
sessions on Wednesday, June 7, and
Thursday, June 8, 1995, at the Regal
Alaskan Hotel, 4800 Spenard Road,
Anchorage, Alaska 99517-3236,
telephone (907) 243-2300.

The SC is an outside group of
scientists which advises the Director,
MMS, on the feasibility,

appropriateness, and scientific value of the MMS' OCS Environmental Studies Program (ESP).

Below is a schedule of meetings that will occur.

The SC will meet in plenary session on Wednesday, June 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Committee will also meet in plenary session on Thursday, June 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discussion will focus on continued review of Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997 proposed ESP and OCS activities off Alaska, and MMS future study plans for OCS areas with ongoing operations and planned activities.

The meetings are open to the public. Approximately 30 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis at the plenary session.

A copy of the agenda may be requested from the MMS by writing Ms. Phyllis Clark at the address below.

Other inquiries concerning the OCS SC meeting should be addressed to Dr. Ken Turgeon, Executive Secretary to the OCS Scientific Committee, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4310, Herndon, Virginia 22070. He may be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1717.

Dated: April 13, 1995.

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Call for Comment on Proposed Policy Options and Announcement of Related Workshop for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Natural Gas and Oil Resource Management

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Call for Comment on proposed policy options and announcement of workshop.

SUMMARY: On December 7, 1993, the MMS published a Call for Public Comment on General Leasing Policies in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas. The MMS has reviewed the comments it received and conducted additional analyses. In this Call for Comment, the MMS describes specific policy options being considered.

The primary objectives to be met are to slow expected declines in infrastructure and production in producing areas, to promote development of infrastructure in certain non-producing areas, and to assure continued receipt of fair market value for OCS leases. Implementation of one

new policy, expanding the tract-specific data made available to all prospective bidders prior to a sale, has just begun. Other options under consideration are to publish specific guidelines for the treatment of applications for royalty relief, to offer more flexible royalty terms on some new leases, to increase flexibility to respond to requests for extensions in lease terms, to modify rental and minimum bid policies, to revise bid adequacy procedures, and to propose coastal impact assistance.

A 2-day workshop to discuss current policy options will be held in the Gulf of Mexico region in mid-June 1995. The first day will be devoted to an overall discussion of the various options. The second day will be spent on the guidelines being developed by the MMS for royalty relief on active leases. Details will be published in a second **Federal Register** Notice later this month.

DATES: Written responses should be received by July 19, 1995. Comments also may be presented in person at the workshop announced in this notice.

ADDRESSES: Written responses should be mailed to the Acting Deputy Associate Director, Resources and Environmental Management, Minerals Management Service (MS-4430), 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 22070. Hand deliveries may be made at 381 Elden Street, Room 3408, Herndon, Virginia (dial 1178 from lobby telephone). Envelopes or packages should be marked "Comments on Proposed Policy Options for the Gulf of Mexico." If any privileged or proprietary information is submitted that the respondent wishes to be treated as confidential, both the envelope and the contents should be marked "Confidential Information."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information pertaining to this Call for Comment on Proposed Policy Options and Announcement of Workshop, telephone Marshall Rose or Mary Vavrina, Economic Evaluation Branch, at (703) 787-1536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the December 7, 1993, Call for Public Comment on General Leasing Policies in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas, suggestions and comments were requested from States, local governments, Federal agencies, the oil and gas industry, environmental groups, and other interested individuals and groups to assist the MMS and the Department of the Interior in planning for the Central and Western GOM sales remaining under the Comprehensive OCS Natural Gas and Oil Resource Management Program for 1992-1997. After considering the comments received and conducting additional

internal analyses, the MMS and the Department decided that, overall, the regulations and policies already in place were appropriate. However, the MMS did identify several areas where improvement was possible and has developed a number of options for further consideration.

The MMS has decided that the current approach of offering annual, area-wide sales in the Central and Western GOM is the most appropriate leasing system for those planning areas at this time. In other planning areas, the MMS may hold narrowly targeted sales, more typical tract selection sales, or tract nomination sales (where all tracts specifically nominated are offered, absent environmental or other concerns).

The MMS also has decided that an extension of the period used to evaluate bids from a lease sale is no longer needed. Its Resource Evaluation staff now has sufficient training in the use of new computer systems and interpretation of technical data to complete the evaluation of bids within the existing 90-day requirement.

Several commenters supported impact assistance. The Administration recognizes that coastal states and localities can incur impacts disproportionate to their share of the national benefits. The Administration supports impact assistance as a means to more equitably share the benefits and burdens of OCS production, protect coastal and marine resources, and strengthen the Federal-State partnership. The critical issue in designing an impact assistance program, however, is the budget offsets required so that there is no net impact on the Federal Treasury. The Administration is currently reviewing impact assistance but does not have a proposal at this time.

Primary Objectives

In considering the main purpose of the OCS oil and gas program (to contribute to the Nation's energy supply) and the range of opportunities currently available to make beneficial changes within its existing authority, the MMS decided to focus on three objectives:

- Slow expected declines in infrastructure and production in the producing portions of the Central and Western GOM
- Promote development of infrastructure in promising deep-water portions of the Central and Western GOM (and possibly in frontier planning areas) to encourage the domestic market to replenish reserves and to increase its ability to