

§ 203.70

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For	The minimum royalty suspension volume is	Plus
(1) RS leases	A volume equal to the combined royalty suspension volumes (or the volume equivalent based on the data in your approved application for other forms of royalty suspension) with which we issued the leases participating in the application that have or plan a well into a reservoir identified in the application.	10 percent of the median of the distribution of known recoverable resources upon which we based approval of your application from all reservoirs included in the project.
(2) Other deep water leases issued in sales after November 28, 2000.	A volume equal to 10 percent of the median of the distribution of known recoverable resources upon which we based approval of your application from all reservoirs included in the project.	

(c) If your application includes pre-Act or eligible leases in different categories of water depth, we apply the minimum royalty suspension volume for the deepest such lease then assigned to the field. We base the water depth and makeup of a field on the water-depth delineations in the “Lease Terms and Economic Conditions” map and the “Field Names Master List” documents and updates in effect at the time your application is deemed complete. These publications are available from the MMS Regional Office for the GOM.

(d) You will get a royalty suspension volume above the minimum if we determine that you need more to make the field or development project economic.

(e) For expansion projects, the minimum royalty suspension volume equals 10 percent of the median of the distribution of known recoverable resources upon which we based approval of your application from all reservoirs included in your project plus any sus-

pension volumes required under § 203.66. If we determine that your expansion project may be economic only with more relief, we will determine and grant you the royalty suspension volume necessary to make the project economic.

(f) The royalty suspension volume applicable to specific leases will continue through the end of the month in which cumulative production reaches that volume. You must calculate cumulative production from all the leases in the authorized field or project that are entitled to share the royalty suspension volume.

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§ 203.70 What information must I provide after MMS approves relief?

You must submit reports to us as indicated in the following table. Sections 203.81, 203.90, and 203.91 describe what these reports must include. The MMS regional office for the GOM will prescribe the formats.

Required report	When due to MMS	Due date extensions
(a) Fabricator’s confirmation report	Within 18 months after approval of relief	MMS Director may grant you an extension under §203.79(c) for up to 6 months.
(b) Post-production report	Within 120 days after the start of production that is subject to the approved royalty suspension volume.	With acceptable justification from you, MMS Regional Director for the GOM may extend due date up to 30 days.

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§ 203.71 How does MMS allocate a field’s suspension volume between my lease and other leases on my field?

The allocation depends on when production occurs, when we issued the lease, when we assigned it to the field,

and whether we award the volume suspension by an approved application or establish it in the lease terms, as prescribed in this section.

(a) If your authorized field has an approved royalty suspension volume