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may be produced at a rate not to exceed the proposed rate. The lessee shall report the total production obtained during the test period and shall identify all other wells completed in the reservoir on Form MMS-126.

(3) At least one well test shall be conducted during a calendar half for producing oil-well and gas-well completions and results submitted on Form MMS-128, Semiannual Well Test Report. Well tests shall be submitted within 45 days of the day the test was conducted.

(4) Unless otherwise ordered by the Regional Supervisor, a revised MPR shall automatically be approved for each well completion for each well test submitted equal to 110 percent of the test rate. The revised MPR will be effective on the first day of the month following the date the well test was conducted. Prior to the approval of a proposed increase of the MPR, a well completion may be produced at a rate not to exceed the proposed increased rate.

(5) When a well test is not submitted during a calendar half for a producing oil-well or gas-well completion, the MPR will be automatically canceled effective on the first day of the appropriate following calendar half.

(6) When the results of a semiannual well test for an oil-well or gas-well completion cannot be submitted within the specified time, the lessee shall request an extension of time for submitting those test results. The extension must be approved in advance by the Regional Supervisor to continue production under the last approved MPR.

(7) When approved by the Regional Supervisor, an MPR shall not be exceeded, except as provided in paragraphs (b)(4) and (c) of this section.

(8) Public Information copies of Form MMS-126 shall be submitted in accordance with § 250.190.

(9) Public information copies of Form MMS-128 shall be submitted in accordance with § 250.190.

(c) *Temporary rates.* Temporary production rates resulting from normal variations and fluctuations exceeding a well MPR or reservoir MER shall not be considered a violation, provided that such production in excess of an approved MER is balanced by production

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in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(5) of this section.

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§ 250.1103 Well production testing.

(a) The required well testing shall be conducted for a period of not less than four consecutive hours. Immediately prior to the 4-hour test period, the well completion shall have produced under stabilized conditions for a period of not less than six consecutive hours. The 6-hour pretest period shall not begin until after the recovery of a volume of fluid equivalent to the amount of fluids introduced into the formation during completion, recompletion, reworking, or treatment operations. Measured gas volumes shall be adjusted to the standard conditions of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute (psia) (15.025 psia in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region) and 60 °F for all tests. When orifice meters are used, a specific gravity for the gas shall be obtained or estimated, and a specific gravity-correction factor shall be applied to the orifice coefficient. The Regional Supervisor may require a prolonged test or retest of a well completion if the test is determined to be necessary for the establishment of a well MPR or a reservoir MER. The Regional Supervisor may approve test periods of less than 4 hours and pretest stabilization periods of less than 6 hours for well completions provided that test reliability can be demonstrated under such procedures.

(b) At the request of the Regional Supervisor, the lessee shall conduct a multipoint back-pressure test to determine the theoretical open-flow potential of a gas well. The test shall be conducted within 30 days of the Regional Supervisor's request or within the time period specified by the Regional Supervisor.

(c) An MMS representative may witness any well test of oil-well and gas-well completions. Upon request, a lessee shall provide advance notice to the Regional Supervisor of the time and date of well tests.