

30 CFR 250 subpart/title (OMB control No.)	Reasons for collecting information and how used
(25) Form MMS-133, Weekly Activity Report (used in the GOM Region), Subpart D (1010-0132).	To inform MMS of well status, well and casing tests, and well casing configuration data. To have accurate data and information on the wells under MMS jurisdiction to ensure compliance with approved plans.

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**Subpart B—Exploration and Development and Production Plans**

**§ 250.200 General requirements.**

All exploration, development, and production activities except for preliminary activities shall be conducted in accordance with an Exploration Plan or a Development and Production Plan approved by the Regional Supervisor. A proposed plan may apply to one or more leases held by an individual lessee or may be submitted by a group of lessees. The Regional Supervisor may authorize lessees to jointly submit environmental information for leases that are in the same planning area and have similar environmental conditions. Any reference in this part to a Development and Production Plan shall be considered to include the Development Operations Coordination Document used in the western Gulf of Mexico (GOM) (see § 250.204(d)).

[53 FR 10690, Apr. 1, 1988; 53 FR 26067, July 11, 1988. Redesignated and amended at 63 FR 29479, 29485, May 29, 1998]

**§ 250.201 Preliminary activities.**

Preliminary activities are geological, geophysical, and other surveys necessary to develop a comprehensive Exploration Plan or Development and Production Plan. Such preliminary activities are those which do not result in any physical penetration of the seabed of greater than 500 feet and which do not result in any significant adverse impact on the natural resources of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Regional Supervisor may require prior notification of the type, scope, and timing of any survey.

**§ 250.202 Well location and spacing.**

(a) The Regional Supervisor is authorized to approve well location and

spacing programs necessary for exploration and development of a leased sulphur deposit or fluid hydrocarbon reservoir giving consideration to, among other factors, the location of drilling units and platforms, extent and thickness of the sulphur deposit, geological and other reservoir characteristics, number of wells that can be economically drilled, protection of correlative rights, optimum recovery of resources, minimization of risk to the environment, and prevention of any unreasonable interference with other uses of the OCS. Well location and spacing programs shall be determined independently for each leased sulphur deposit or hydrocarbon-bearing reservoir in a manner that will locate wells in the optimum position for the most effective production of sulphur and/or reservoir fluids and avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells.

(b) For wells which could intersect or drain an offset property, the Regional Supervisor may require special measures to protect the rights of the lessor and objecting offset lessees.

(c) The lessee shall drill and produce the wells the Regional Supervisor determines are necessary to protect the lessor from loss by reason of production on other properties or in lieu thereof, with the approval of the Regional Supervisor, pay a sum determined by the Regional Supervisor as adequate to compensate the lessor for the lessee's failure to drill and produce any well. Payment of that sum shall be considered as the equivalent of production in paying quantities for the purpose of extending the lease term.

[53 FR 10690, Apr. 1, 1988, as amended at 55 FR 47752, Nov. 15, 1990; 56 FR 32099, July 15, 1991. Redesignated at 63 FR 29749, May 29, 1998]

**§ 250.203 Exploration Plan.**

(a) The lessee shall submit for approval an Exploration Plan which includes the following: