

**Minerals Management Service, Interior**

**§ 250.105**

**AUTHORITY AND DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**§ 250.101 Authority and applicability.**

The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) authorized the Minerals Management Service (MMS) to regulate oil, gas, and sulphur exploration, development, and production operations on the outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Under the Secretary's authority, the Director requires that all operations:

- (a) Be conducted according to the OCS Lands Act (OCSLA), the regulations in this part, MMS orders, the lease or right-of-way, and other applicable laws, regulations, and amendments; and
- (b) Conform to sound conservation practice to preserve, protect, and develop mineral resources of the OCS to:
  - (1) Make resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs;
  - (2) Balance orderly energy resource development with protection of the

human, marine, and coastal environments;

(3) Ensure the public receives a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS;

(4) Preserve and maintain free enterprise competition; and

(5) Minimize or eliminate conflicts between the exploration, development, and production of oil and natural gas and the recovery of other resources.

**§ 250.102 What does this part do?**

(a) 30 CFR part 250 contains the regulations of the MMS Offshore program that govern oil, gas, and sulphur exploration, development, and production operations on the OCS. When you conduct operations on the OCS, you must submit requests, applications, and notices, or provide supplemental information for MMS approval.

(b) The following table of general references shows where to look for information about these processes.

TABLE—WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION FOR CONDUCTING OPERATIONS

For information about	Refer to
(1) Abandoning wells .....	§ 250.701.
(2) Applications for Permit to Drill .....	§ 250.414.
(3) Development and Production Plans (DPP) .....	§ 250.204.
(4) Downhole commingling .....	§ 250.1106.
(5) Exploration Plans (EP) .....	§ 250.203.
(6) Flaring .....	§ 250.1105.
(7) Gas measurement .....	§ 250.1203.
(8) Off-lease geological and geophysical permits .....	30 CFR 251.
(9) Oil spill financial responsibility coverage .....	30 CFR 253.
(10) Oil and gas production safety systems .....	§ 250.802.
(11) Oil spill response plans .....	30 CFR 254.
(12) Oil and gas well-completion operations .....	§ 250.513.
(13) Oil and gas well-workover operations .....	§ 250.613.
(14) Platforms and structures .....	§ 250.901.
(15) Pipelines .....	§ 250.1009.
(16) Pipeline right-of-way .....	§ 250.1010.
(17) Sulphur operations .....	§ 250.1604.
(18) Training .....	§ 250.1500.
(19) Unitization .....	§ 250.1300.

**§ 250.103 Where can I find more information about the requirements in this part?**

MMS may issue Notices to Lessees and Operators (NLTs) that clarify, supplement, or provide more detail about certain requirements. NLTs may also outline what you must provide as required information in your various submissions to MMS.

**§ 250.104 How may I appeal a decision made under MMS regulations?**

To appeal orders or decisions issued under MMS regulations in 30 CFR parts 250 to 282, follow the procedures in 30 CFR part 290.

**§ 250.105 Definitions.**

Terms used in this part will have the meanings given in the Act and as defined in this section: