

Wellbay is the area on a facility within the perimeter of the outermost wellheads.

Well-completion operations means the work conducted to establish production from a well after the production-casing string has been set, cemented, and pressure-tested.

Well-control fluid means drilling mud, completion fluid, or workover fluid as appropriate to the particular operation being conducted.

Western Gulf of Mexico means all OCS areas of the Gulf of Mexico except those the Director decides are adjacent to the State of Florida. The Western Gulf of Mexico is not the same as the Western Planning Area, an area established for OCS lease sales.

Workover operations means the work conducted on wells after the initial well-completion operation for the purpose of maintaining or restoring the productivity of a well.

You means a lessee, the owner or holder of operating rights, a designated agent of the lessee(s), a pipeline right-of-way holder, or a State lessee granted a right-of-use and easement.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

§ 250.106 What standards will the Director use to regulate lease operations?

The Director will regulate all operations under a lease, right-of-use and easement, or right-of-way to:

- (a) Promote orderly exploration, development, and production of mineral resources;
- (b) Prevent injury or loss of life;
- (c) Prevent damage to or waste of any natural resource, property, or the environment; and
- (d) Cooperate and consult with affected States, local governments, other interested parties, and relevant Federal agencies.

§ 250.107 What must I do to protect health, safety, property, and the environment?

- (a) You must protect health, safety, property, and the environment by:
 - (1) Performing all operations in a safe and workmanlike manner; and
 - (2) Maintaining all equipment in a safe condition.

- (b) You must immediately control, remove, or otherwise correct any hazardous oil and gas accumulation or other health, safety, or fire hazard.

- (c) You must use the best available and safest technology (BAST) whenever practical on all exploration, development, and production operations. In general, we consider your compliance with MMS regulations to be the use of BAST.

- (d) The Director may require additional measures to ensure the use of BAST:

- (1) To avoid the failure of equipment that would have a significant effect on safety, health, or the environment;
- (2) If it is economically feasible; and
- (3) If the benefits outweigh the costs.

§ 250.108 What requirements must I follow for cranes and other material-handling equipment?

- (a) If you operate a crane installed on fixed platforms you must:

- (1) Follow the American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice (RP) for Operation and Maintenance of Offshore Cranes (API RP 2D);
- (2) Keep inspection, testing, and maintenance records at the OCS facility for at least 2 years; and
- (3) Keep crane operator qualifications at the facility for at least 4 years.

- (b) You must operate and maintain all other material-handling equipment in a manner that ensures safe operations and prevents pollution.

§ 250.109 What documents must I prepare and maintain related to welding?

- (a) You must submit a Welding Plan to the District Supervisor before you begin drilling or production activities on a lease. You may not begin welding until the District Supervisor has approved your plan.

- (b) You must keep the following at the site where welding occurs:

- (1) A copy of the plan and its approval letter; and
- (2) Drawings showing the designated safe-welding areas.

§ 250.110 What must I include in my welding plan?

You must include all of the following in the Welding Plan that you prepare under § 250.109: