

(3) The State agrees to hold the United States harmless for any violation by the State or its employees or contractors of the agreement to protect the confidentiality of proprietary data and information and samples; and

(4) The materials containing the proprietary data, information, and samples shall remain the property of the United States.

(c) The data, information, and samples available to the State(s) pursuant to an agreement shall be related to leased lands.

(d) The materials containing the proprietary data, information, and samples shall be returned to MMS when they are no longer needed by the State or when requested by the Director.

§ 280.14 Suspension or temporary prohibition of activities.

The Director may suspend or temporarily prohibit the conduct of G&G prospecting or scientific research activities by notifying the person conducting the activity, either orally or in writing, when the Director determines that there is a threat of serious, irreparable, or immediate harm or damage to life (including fish and other aquatic life), property, any mineral (in areas leased or not leased), the national security or defense, or the marine, coastal, or human environment; or there is a failure to comply with a provision of the Act or of any applicable law, the provisions of the permit, or provisions of these and other applicable regulations. Such suspension or temporary prohibition shall be effective immediately upon receipt of the notice. Suspensions or temporary prohibitions issued orally shall be followed by a written notice confirming the action, and all written notices will be sent by certified or registered mail. A suspension or temporary prohibition shall remain in effect until the basis for the suspension or temporary prohibition has been corrected to the satisfaction of the Director.

§ 280.15 Cancellation or relinquishment.

The Director may cancel or a permittee may relinquish, in whole or in part, a permit to conduct prospecting or scientific research activities at any

time by sending a notice of cancellation or a notice of relinquishment. Such notices shall state the reason for the cancellation or relinquishment and shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the other party at least 30 days in advance of the date that the cancellation or relinquishment will be effective.

§ 280.16 Remedies and penalties.

Persons conducting activities in the OCS pursuant to this part shall be subject to the remedies and penalties provisions of section 24 of the Act and the applicable civil penalty procedures contained in part 250 of this title for noncompliance with any provision of the Act, permit, regulation, or order issued under the Act. The remedies or penalties prescribed in this section shall be in addition to any other penalty afforded by any other law or regulation.

§ 280.17 Appeals.

Orders or decisions issued under the regulations in this part may be appealed as provided in part 290 of this title.

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