



**Leasing Activities Report Information
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**Weekly Report
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The Offices of Leasing & Plans Closures

Monday, November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day
Thursday, November 28, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – Christmas Day

Filings for the Offices of Leasing & Plans

All filings including email filings for the Offices of Leasing and Plans are accepted Monday through Friday, 8:00AM – 4:00PM. Any filings received after 4:00PM CT will be considered received as of the next government business day, no exceptions.

BOEM Updates Service Fee Schedule

BOEM's regulations, as outlined in 30 CFR § 550.125 and 30 CFR § 556.106, provide the authority for BOEM to periodically adjust certain fees for services.

BOEM is adjusting its service fees for processing documents related to oil and gas activities on the Outer Continental Shelf to reflect inflation since the last update in 2022.

The new schedule goes into effect on November 1, 2024, and can be found at:

<https://www.boem.gov/newsroom/notes-stakeholders/boem-updates-service-fee-schedule-0>

FY 2024 Important Year-End Outage Information

Due to year-end processing the last day for submitting a Pay.Gov Application payment in Fiscal Year 2024 is Friday 9/20/24 @ 5:00 pm est. The Pay.Gov Payment Application forms will be enabled on Monday October 7, 2024 @ 9:00 am est.

Due to year-end processing the last day for requesting a Pay.Gov Credit Card or ACH-Debit refund in Fiscal Year 2024 is Friday 9/13/2024 @ 5:00 pm eastern (est.). The refund request form will be enabled on Monday November 4, 2024 @ 9:00 am est.

Interior Department Takes Action to Protect Taxpayers from Offshore Oil and Gas Decommissioning Costs

On April 15, 2024, the Department of Interior [announced](#) a final rule from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to protect taxpayers from covering costs that should be borne by the oil and gas industry when offshore platforms require decommissioning. The action updated 20-year-old regulations. BOEM has substantially strengthened financial assurance requirements for the offshore oil and gas industry operating on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

This notice makes a technical correction to the [final rule](#) titled, Risk Management and Financial Assurance for OCS Lease and Grant Obligations, which the Department of the Interior published in the Federal Register on April 24, 2024. The correction clarifies that the effective date of the rule is June 29, 2024.

The Congressional Review Act requires that the effective date of a major rule be 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register or receipt of the rule by Congress, whichever is later. The rule was published on April 24, 2024. The rule was received by both chambers of Congress on April 29, 2024, making the effective date June 29, 2024, instead of June 24, 2024.

Well Producibility Determination (WPD) Request Online

WPD requests are now available online. For more information and instructions on how to submit requests see the [WPD User Guide](#).

<https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/regions/gulf-mexico-ocs-region/WPD-User-Guide.pdf>

INFORMATION TO LESSEES

LEASE EXTENSION REQUESTS: To earn the extension of the initial period, all requests should be submitted from the **Lessee** and not the **Operator**. Please refer the Lease Addendum attached with the subject lease documents. The request should be submitted as soon as practicable, but in no case more than 30 days after spudding a well. The BOEM GOM Regional Supervisor for Leasing and Plans will confirm in writing, within 30 days of receiving the **Lessee's** letter, whether the **Lessee** has earned the extension of the initial period and update BOEM records accordingly. The extension of the initial period is not effective unless and until the **Lessee** receives confirmation from BOEM.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The health and safety of our employees and customers is of utmost importance. Due to public health concerns related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Office of Leasing and Plans (OLP), Elmwood Tower Building, New Orleans, LA, is taking steps to help mitigate and reduce any unnecessary exposure and spread of COVID-19.

In order to continue to deliver services to the greatest extent possible and process filings as expeditiously as possible during the COVID-19 Pandemic, effective April 2, 2020, you may submit all documents to OLP via email (with the exception of Surveys). The OLP staff will be working in remote locations and will be able to assist you through email or phone. Paper filings will be processed upon return to our office. Until further notice, you may submit filings to the sections in OLP via email as follows:

Adjudication Section – All email filings must be submitted in PDF format to the Adjudication Section mailbox at: boemadjudication@boem.gov. All questions related to actions processed by the Adjudication Section should also be directed to the Adjudication mailbox.

Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section (LFRS) –

- **Financial Assurance** – All email filings must be submitted in PDF format to the financial assurance mailbox at: boemgomrfinancialassurance@boem.gov. All questions related to the actions processed by Financial Assurance should also be directed the Financial Assurance mailbox.
- **Oil Spill Financial Responsibility (OSFR)** – All email filings must be submitted in PDF format to the OSFR mailbox at: boemosfr@boem.gov All questions related to the actions processed by OSFR should also be directed to this mailbox.
- **Lease Sale Coordination** – If something needs to be mailed regarding lease sale coordination (e.g., signed bid receipts for mailed in bids), or if you have questions about Notice of Sale packages, please reach out to boemgomrleasesales@boem.gov

Plans Section – Paper filings and electronic disks or drives of Exploration Plans, Development Operations Coordination Documents, Development and Production Plans, Rights-of-Use and Easement Applications, and Surveys will be accepted by mail (1201 Elmwood Park Blvd, Plans Section - GM 235D, New Orleans, LA 70123) or by appointment only. Please call or email Ms. Michelle Picou at (504) 736-2747 or michelle.picou@boem.gov or Ms.

Laura Christensen at (504) 736-2959 or laura.christensen@boem.gov to schedule an appointment to file paper versions. Exploration Plans, Development Operations Coordination Documents, Development and Production Plans, and Rights-of-Use and Easement Applications can also be submitted in PDF format to the Plans Section mailbox at: boemgomrplans@boem.gov. Questions related to the work of the Plans Section should be directed to the Plans Section mailbox.

The following Relinquishment forms were accepted and processed:

<u>OCS No.</u>	<u>Area/Block</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Record Title Owner(s)</u>
G36771	MC/375	29-Oct-2024	Talos Energy Ventures, LLC
G36772	MC/435	29-Oct-2024	QuarterNorth Energy LLC
G36773	MC/436	29-Oct-2024	QuarterNorth Energy LLC
G36818	GC/249	29-Oct-2024	Talos Energy Ventures, LLC
G36450	AT/235	23-Oct-2024	Equinor Gulf of Mexico LLC
G36451	AT/236	23-Oct-2024	Equinor Gulf of Mexico LLC

The following Designation of Operator forms were accepted and processed:

<u>OCS No.</u>	<u>Area/Block</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>New Operator</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A	Nothing to report.

The following Designation of Agent forms were accepted and processed:

<u>OCS No.</u>	<u>Area/Block</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Designated Agent</u>
G01958	EI/255	18-Oct-2024	White Fleet Operating, LLC
G02910	EI/327	17-Oct-2024	White Fleet Operating, LLC

New Qualifications that were accepted and processed:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>	<u>New Companies</u>
07-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	PRIO GOM, LLC
26-Sep-2024	N/A	N/A	Seahorse Well Services, LLC

Qualification Updates that were accepted and processed:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>	<u>Qualification Updates</u>
30-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Houston Energy Deepwater Ventures V, LLC
29-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Houston Energy Deepwater Ventures IV, LLC
28-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Kinetica Deepwater Express, LLC
24-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Ridgewood Energy Oil & Gas Fund III, L.P.
15-Oct-2024	01-Nov-2024	N/A	Natural Resources Worldwide LLC
11-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Ridgewood Energy Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Fund, L.P.
07-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Houston Energy Deepwater Ventures II, LLC
07-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Houston Energy Deepwater Ventures I, LLC
04-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	KUSA Inc.
03-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Dauphin Island Gathering Partners
03-Oct-2024	30-Oct-2024	N/A	JX Nippon Oil Exploration (U.S.A.) Limited
03-Oct-2024	N/A	28-Oct-2024	Kinetica Deepwater Express, LLC
24-Sep-2024	N/A	N/A	Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc.
05-Sep-2024	N/A	N/A	Gryphon Exploration Company
05-Sep-2024	N/A	29-Oct-2024	Woodside Energy (Americas) Inc.
05-Sep-2024	N/A	29-Oct-2024	Woodside Energy (Deepwater) Inc.
05-Sep-2024	N/A	21-Oct-2024	Woodside Energy (GOM) Inc.
05-Sep-2024	N/A	N/A	Woodside Energy (USA) Inc.
05-Sep-2024	N/A	N/A	Woodside Energy Holdings (USA) Inc.

Mergers that were accepted and processed:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>	<u>Mergers</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A	Nothing to Report.

Name Changes that were accepted and processed:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>	<u>Name Changes</u>
23-Oct-2024	N/A	N/A	Shell Oil Company to Shell USA, Inc.
16-Jul-2024	N/A	N/A	QuarterNorth Energy LLC to Talos QN Exploration LLC

Business Conversions that were accepted and processed:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>	<u>Business Conversions</u>
26-Aug-2024	N/A	N/A	ExxonMobil Pipeline Company to ExxonMobil Pipeline Company LLC

Dissolutions accepted and processed:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Date Returned</u>	<u>Dissolutions</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A	Nothing to report.