

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT
PACIFIC OCS REGION**

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**NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS LEASES
IN THE PACIFIC OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF REGION**

Bottomhole Pressure Surveys

Bottomhole Pressure (BHP) surveys are vital in determining the condition of reservoirs. Your role in monitoring bottomhole pressures is critical. This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) reminds you of your responsibility to conduct annual BHP surveys for active reservoirs in the Pacific OCS Region. This NTL also reminds you that the authority for collecting BHP surveys is with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). The regulation that governs requirements for BHP surveys can be found in 30 CFR Part 550 Subpart K – Oil and Gas Production Requirements at 30 CFR 550.1153. This NTL supersedes NTL No. 2009-P02, entitled “Bottomhole Pressure Surveys.”

As stated in 30 CFR 550.1153, if you have a reservoir with three or more producing completions, then you must conduct static BHP surveys annually in a sufficient number of key wells to establish an average reservoir pressure. For all active reservoirs in the Pacific OCS Region, the BOEM Regional Supervisor has established that a minimum of three producing completions should be surveyed annually. BOEM reserves the right to request BHP surveys on specific wells.

The results of your BHP surveys must be submitted to BOEM within 60 days after the date of survey. To submit BHP survey results, BOEM requires the use of Form BOEM-0140, Bottomhole Pressure Survey Report, which is available at: <http://www.boem.gov/About-BOEM/Procurement-Business-Opportunities/BOEM-OCS-Operation-Forms/BOEM-OCS-Operation-Forms.aspx>. BHP survey submittals should be sent by mail or email to:

Mail: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Pacific OCS Region
Office of Strategic Resources
Attention: Regional Supervisor
770 Paseo Camarillo, 2nd Floor
Camarillo, California 93010

Email: BOEMPacificOSR@boem.gov

Guidance Document Statement

BOEM issues NTLs as guidance documents in accordance with 30 CFR 550.103 to clarify and provide more detail about certain BOEM regulatory requirements, and to establish a clear and consistent approach for complying with those requirements. However, if you wish to use an alternate approach for compliance, you may do so, but only after you receive approval from the appropriate BOEM office in accordance with the requirements of 30 CFR 550.141.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

The information collection referred to in this notice are requirements contained in 30 CFR Part 550, Subpart K. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection requirement in these regulations and assigned OMB control number 1010-0114. This NTL does not impose any additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding this NTL, please contact Mr. Chima Ojukwu, Reservoir Engineer at chima.ojukwu@boem.gov or (805) 389-7742, or Ms. Joan Barminski, Regional Supervisor, Office of Strategic Resources at joan.barminski@boem.gov or (805) 389-7585.



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