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PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE**

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

Bottomhole Pressure Surveys

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is reissuing this Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) to comply with Executive Order (E.O.) 13891 of October 9, 2019, Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum, M-20-02, implementing the E.O.

This NTL supersedes NTL No. 2009-P02, “Bottomhole Pressure Surveys.”

Bottomhole Pressure (BHP) surveys are vital in determining the condition of reservoirs. Your role in monitoring bottomhole pressures is critical. This NTL reminds you of your responsibility to conduct annual BHP surveys for active reservoirs in the Pacific OCS. This NTL also reminds you that the authority for collecting BHP surveys is with 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.

As stated in 30 CFR 550.1153, if you have a new producing reservoir, you must conduct a static bottomhole pressure survey within 90 days after the date of first continuous production. If you have a reservoir with three or more producing completions, you must conduct static BHP surveys annually in a sufficient number of key wells to establish an average reservoir pressure. 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:

<https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/newsroom/BOEM-0140-v3.pdf>.

BHP survey submittals should be sent by mail or email to:

Mail: Pacific Regional Office
Attention: Regional Supervisor
Office of Strategic Resources
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102
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 outline the recommended information to be provided in various submittals. Under that authority, this NTL sets forth policy on and interpretation of statutory, regulatory, lease, contractual, or plan approval provisions to provide a clear and consistent approach for complying with those provisions. If you wish to use an alternate method for compliance, you are encouraged to get feedback from BOEM staff on the adequacy of your proposal to comply with the regulation.

Except to the extent that provisions of this NTL derive from requirements established by statute, regulation or by a provision in the lease, they do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way. This NTL is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law.

While this NTL includes recommendations and guidance, the recommendation and guidance provisions may be made mandatory through a lease stipulation or condition of approval from BOEM or the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). If you are issued a plan, permit or other authorization from BOEM or BSEE with a condition of approval, or a lease with a stipulation, requiring compliance with this NTL or identified portions thereof, you must implement those portions or all aspects of the NTL, if particular aspects are not singled out in the stipulation or condition of approval. Under such circumstances, you must implement and comply with the NTL (or identified portions thereof) regardless of whether the terms within the NTL would otherwise be a recommendation or request (e.g., use of the term “should” in the NTL will be considered “must” if required by the lease stipulation or condition of approval).

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement

This NTL provides clarification, description, and interpretation of requirements contained in 30 CFR Part 550, Subpart K. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. OMB has approved the information collection requirement in these regulations under OMB control number 1010-0114. This NTL does not impose additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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