

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION**

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NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL, GAS, AND SULPHUR
LEASES AND PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HOLDERS
OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF, GULF OF MEXICO OCS REGION

U. S. Air Force Communication Towers

This Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) supersedes NTL No. 99-G07, effective May 3, 1999, on this subject. It makes minor administrative changes and includes a guidance document statement.

In 1990, the U.S. Air Force, Eglin Air Force Base, notified the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR) that seven communication towers had been constructed offshore Mobile, Alabama. These towers are approximately 100 to 150 feet tall and make up the Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation System. A clear line of sight between the master tower and each remote tower, as well as freedom from electromagnetic interference, must be maintained to protect their utility.

Enclosure No. 1 is a map of the area showing the specific locations of the towers and the lines of sight between the master tower and each remote tower. Enclosure No. 2 lists the towers showing the X-Y coordinate values of their locations. Enclosure No. 3 lists the points (keyed to the map) at which the lines of sight between the master tower and remote towers cross the OCS blocks in the area. This listing shows the X-Y coordinate values for each of these crossing points.

Since oil and gas exploration, development, or production activity could compromise the military use of these communication towers, the MMS GOMR will apply the following restrictions when reviewing Exploration Plans and Development Operations Coordination Documents under 30 CFR 250, subpart B, and pipeline applications under 30 CFR 250, subpart J that propose activities in the area:

1. No activities will be allowed within a 500-foot radius of the center of a tower site.
2. No activities will be allowed within 100 feet of the centerline of a line of sight.

Guidance Document Statement

The MMS issues NTL's as guidance documents in accordance with 30 CFR 250.103 to clarify, supplement, and provide more detail about certain MMS regulatory requirements and to outline the information you provide in your various submittals. Under that authority, this NTL sets forth a policy on and an interpretation of a regulatory requirement that provides a clear and consistent approach to complying with that requirement.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Statement

This NTL refers to the collection of information for requirements under 30 CFR 250, Subparts B and J. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved these collections of information and assigned OMB control numbers 1010-0151 and 1010-0050, respectively. This NTL does not impose any additional information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Contact

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this NTL to the Supervisor, Leasing and Financial Responsibility, by telephone at (504) 736-2803 or by fax at (504) 736-2611.

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Enclosures (3)

Enclosure No. 2

XY Coordinates of the U. S. Air Force Communication Towers

Given in UTM 16 Unless Indicated Otherwise

Tower Number	X	Y
1. Master	1 139 286.15'	10 885 259.59'
2. Remote	1 223 312.06'	10 845 619.83'
3. Remote	*2 893 779.07'	401 978.16'
4. Remote	*2 788 112.11'	432 955.61'
5. Remote	*2 775 070.14'	511 392.99'
6. Remote	1 113 465.26'	10 976 656.77'
7. Remote	1 208 628.35'	10 947 977.39'

*Louisiana Southern Lambert

All coordinates are referenced to the North American Datum of 1927.

Enclosure No. 3

XY Coordinates of the Line of Sight OCS Block Crossing Points

Given in UTM 16 Unless Indicated Otherwise

Route 2

Crossing Number	X	Y
1.	1 140 480.00'	10 884 696.38'
2.	1 146 026.05'	10 882 080.00'
3.	1 156 320.00'	10 877 223.77'
4.	1 172 160.00'	10 869 751.15'
5.	1 179 602.00'	10 866 240.00'
6.	1 188 000.00'	10 862 278.53'
7.	1 203 840.00'	10 854 805.91'
8.	1 213 179.38'	10 850 400.00'
9.	1 219 680.00'	10 847 333.29'

Route 3

Crossing Number	X	Y
1.	1 140 004.62'	10 882 080.00'
2.	1 140 480.00'	10 879 976.19'
3.	1 143 583.86'	10 866 240.00'
4.	1 147 163.11'	10 850.400.00'
5.	1 150 742.35'	10 834 560.00'
6.	1 153 815.17'	10 820 961.18'
	*2 887 494.22'	425 604.15'
7.	*2 891 420.07'	410 846.10'

*Louisiana Southern Lambert

Route 4

Crossing Number	X	Y
1.	1 134 235.75'	10 882 080.00'
2.	1 124 640.00'	10 876 038.78'
3.	1 109 901.48'	10 866 759.81'
	*2 841 882.20'	469 714.70'
4.	*2 827 124.15'	459 625.59'
5.	*2 820 533.87'	455 120.25'
6.	*2 815 304.67'	451 545.39'

* Louisiana Southern Lambert

Route 5

Crossing Number	X	Y
1.	1 124 640.00'	10 889 236.03'
2.	1 108 800.00'	10 893 536.61'
3.	1 092 960.00'	10 897 837.18'
4.	1 092 654.96'	10 897 920.00'
5.	1 077 999.47'	10 901 898.70'

Route 6

Crossing Number	X	Y
1.	1 135 709.42'	10 897 920.00'
2.	1 131 234.40'	10 913 760.00'
3.	1 126 759.39'	10 929 600.00'
4.	1 124 640.00'	10 937 101.93'
5.	1 122 284.38'	10 945 440.00'
6.	1 119 218.89'	10 956 290.60'

Route 7

Crossing Number	X	Y
1.	1 140 480.00'	10 886 339.39'
2.	1 153 283.78'	10 897 920.00'
3.	1 156 320.00'	10 900 666.16'
4.	1 170 796.84'	10 913 760.00'
5.	1 172 160.00'	10 914 992.94'
6.	1 188 000.00'	10 929 319.71'
7.	1 188 309.90'	10 929 600.00'
8.	1 203 840.00'	10 943 646.48'
9.	1 205 822.96'	10 945 440.00'

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