

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

INFORMATION TO LESSEES (ITL) AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND
GAS LEASES ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF,
GULF OF MEXICO REGION

On April 17, 2009, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a ruling in *Center for Biological Diversity v. Department of the Interior, Nos. 07-1247, 07-1433*, vacating and remanding the 2007-2012 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. On May 11, 2009, the Department of the Interior filed a motion for rehearing and/or clarification of the court's order.

The impacts of the April 17 ruling on the Minerals Management Service's operations, program planning, and future sales, are under review by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Approvals of activities on leases issued under the 2007-2012 program are subject to further proceedings in that case, and subject to the Secretary's review and reconsideration of the program on remand ordered by that court.

The ruling of the court and the Secretary's reconsideration of the 2007-2012 Leasing Program it ordered may impact the holders of any OCS leases issued in the six Gulf of Mexico Lease Sales conducted since July 2007. See chart below.

Sale Number	Sale Date
<i>GOM Sales to Date in Current 5-Year Program</i>	
Sale 204 - Western Gulf of Mexico	August 22, 2007
Sale 205 - Central Gulf of Mexico	October 3, 2007
Sale 224 - Eastern Gulf of Mexico	March 19, 2008
Sale 206 - Central Gulf of Mexico	March 19, 2008
Sale 207 - Western Gulf of Mexico	August 20, 2008
Sale 208 - Central Gulf of Mexico	March 18, 2009
<i>Remaining Scheduled GOM Sales in Current 5-Year Program</i>	
Sale 210 - Western Gulf of Mexico	August 19, 2009
Sale 213 - Central Gulf of Mexico	March 2010
Sale 215 - Western Gulf of Mexico	August 2010
Sale 216 - Central Gulf of Mexico	March 2011
Sale 218 - Western Gulf of Mexico	August 2011
Sale 222 - Central Gulf of Mexico	March 2012
<i>Remaining Scheduled Atlantic Sale in Current 5-Year Program</i>	
Sale 220 - Mid-Atlantic	2011

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