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

U. S. Air Force Communication Towers

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) are 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. 99-G07, effective May 3, 1999. It makes minor administrative changes and includes a guidance document statement.

In 1990, the U.S. Air Force, constructed seven communication towers offshore Mobile, Alabama in the Chandeleur, Mobile, and Viosca Knoll OCS areas. These towers are under the operational control of Eglin Air Force Base, are approximately 100 to 150 feet tall, and are part of the Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumentation System. To ensure the system's operational functionality, a clear line of sight between the master tower and each remote tower, as well as freedom from electromagnetic interference, needs to be maintained.

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.

Oil and gas exploration, development, or production activities could compromise the military use of these communication towers. BOEM may require you, or you may elect, to amend your Exploration Plan or Development Operations Coordination Document under BOEM regulations at 30 CFR 550.202, 550.232 and 550.267, or BSEE may require you, as a condition of approval of your pipeline application under BSEE regulations at 30 CFR 250.1000 (subpart J) and 30 CFR 250.1700 (subpart Q), to restrict activities proposed in the area, as follows:

No activities will be allowed within a 500-foot radius of the center of a tower site.

No activities will be allowed within 100 feet of the centerline of a line of sight.

Guidance Document Statement

BOEM and BSEE issue NTLs as guidance documents in accordance with 30 CFR 550.103 and 30 CFR 250.103 to clarify and provide more detail about certain BOEM and BSEE 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 or BSEE 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 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 550, Subpart B and 30 CFR 250, Subparts J and Q. 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 requirements in these regulations under OMB control numbers 1010-0151 (BOEM), 1014-0016, and 1014-0010 (BSEE), respectively. This NTL does not impose 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 BOEM Office of Leasing and Plans, Leasing and Financial Responsibility Section, boemgomrleasesales@boem.gov, or to the BSEE Pipeline Section, pipelines@bsee.gov.

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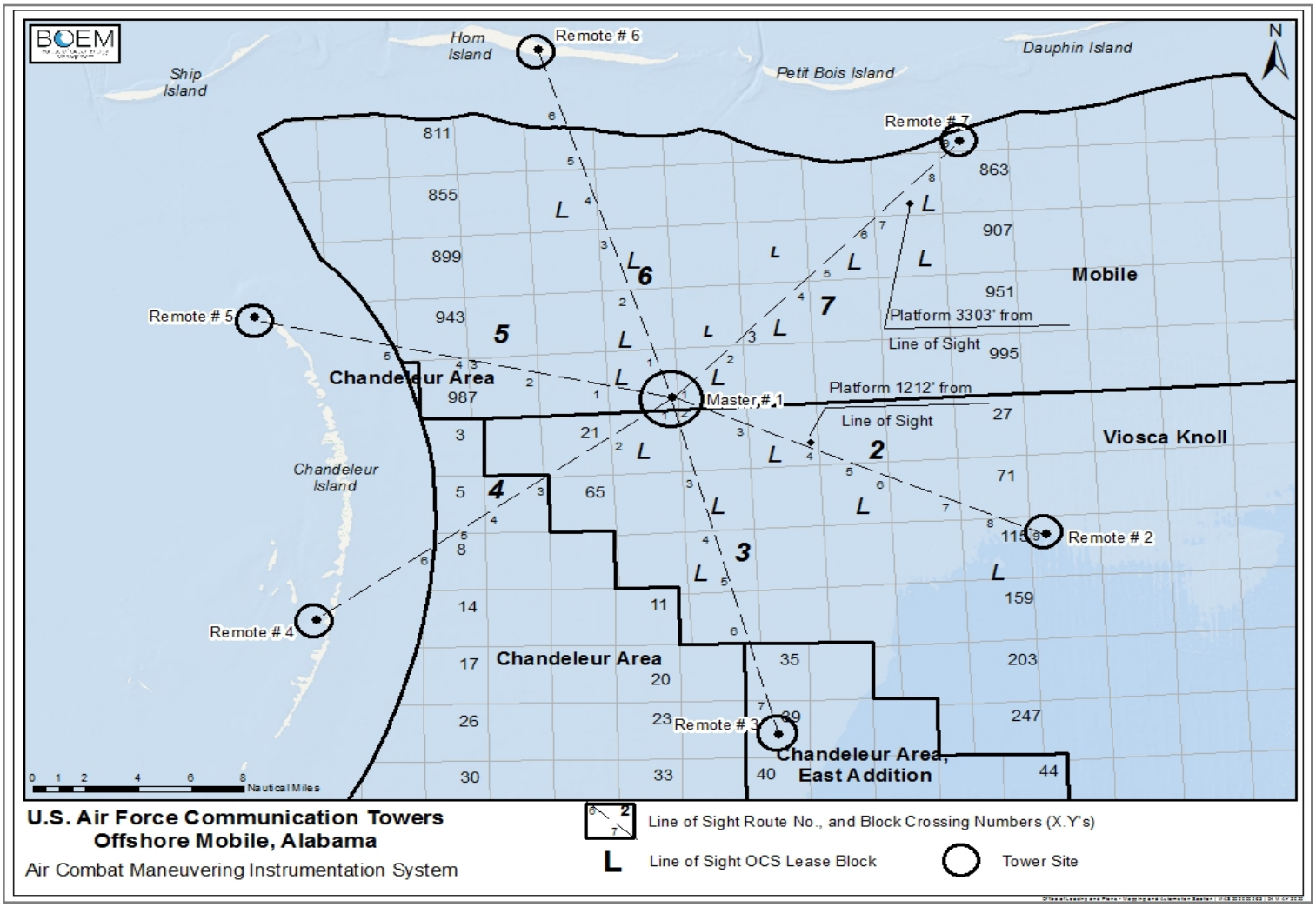
Enclosures (3)

Enclosure No. 1



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'

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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'

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