
Leasing Activities Information



FINAL NOTICE OF SALE 206 Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area

Attached is the Final Notice of Sale 206 Package (FNOS 206 Package), Central Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Planning Area, scheduled to be held on March 19, 2008, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

This Package consists of:

- FNOS 206
- Lease Stipulations
- Information To Lessees
- List of Blocks Available for Leasing
- Unleased Split Blocks and Available Unleased Acreage of Blocks with Aliquots and Irregular Portions Under Lease or Deferred
- Bid Form and Envelope
- Telephone Numbers/Addresses of Bidders Form
- Example of Preferred Format - Geophysical Data and Information Statement
- Lease Terms and Economic Conditions Map
- Stipulations and Deferred Blocks Map

All documents listed above are available from the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Unit; telephone (800) 200-GULF or (504) 736-2519; or by written request to:

Minerals Management Service
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
Public Information Unit (MS 5034)
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

All of these documents may also be found on the MMS Homepage Address on the Internet: www.gomr.mms.gov.

Please Notice:

Terms and conditions for FNOS 206 are generally the same as the October 2007 Central GOM Planning Area Lease Sale 205 except for the following noteworthy matters:

Royalty Rate

Bidders are advised that the royalty rate for all blocks in all water depths, except during periods of royalty suspension, is 18 ³/₄ percent.

Force Majeure

Bidders are advised that the Regional Director of the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region has the discretion to change any date, time, and/or location specified in the Final Notice of Sale package in case of a force majeure which the Regional Director deems may interfere with the carrying out of a fair and proper lease sale process.

Military Areas

Bidders are advised that the Department of Defense publication setting forth the Military Warning Areas is no longer available to the public and has been replaced by the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Document JO 7400.8N "Title 14 - Aeronautics and Space - Chapter 1 Federal Aviation Administration - Subchapter Airspace - Part 73 - Special Use Airspace Regulatory and Nonregulatory." Please refer to paragraph (g) in the Information to Lessees document included in the FNOS 206 package.

Bidders are also advised that the contact information for the various Command Headquarters for the Warning and Water Test Areas has been updated. Please refer to Stipulation No. 3 included in the FNOS 206 package.

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**Not Offered:**

Blocks currently under appeal (although currently unleased, the following blocks are under appeal and bids will not be accepted):

Mississippi Canyon (Area NH16-10)

Block 943

West Delta Area (Leasing Map LA8)

Block 50

Whole blocks and portions of blocks which lie within the former Western Gap portion of the 1.4 nautical mile buffer zone north of the continental shelf boundary between the United States and Mexico:

Amery Terrace (Area NG 15-09)

Whole Blocks: 280, 281, 318 through 320, and 355 through 359

Portions of Blocks: 235 through 238, 273 through 279, and 309 through 317

Sigsbee Escarpment (Area NG 15-08)

Whole Blocks: 239, 284, 331 through 341

Portions of Blocks: 151, 195, 196, 240, 241, 285 through 298, 342 through 349

Whole blocks which are beyond the United States Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the Northern portion of the Eastern Gap:

Lund South (Area NG 16-07)

Blocks: 172, 173, 213 through 217, 253 through 261, 296 through 305, and 349

Henderson (Area NG 16-05)

Blocks: 467, 510, 511, 553 through 555, 595 through 599, 638 through 643, 681 through 688, 723 through 732, 766 through 776, 808 through 820, 851 through 863, 893 through 906, 935 through 949, and 977 through 993

Florida Plain (Area NG 16-08)

Blocks: 7 through 24, 49 through 67, 90 through 110, 133 through 154, 177 through 197, 221 through 240, 265 through 283, 309 through 327, and 363 through 370

Blocks that were previously included in the Eastern GOM planning area and are within 100 miles of the Florida coast:

Pensacola (Area NH 16-05)

Blocks: 751 through 754, 793 through 798, 837 through 842, 881 through 886, 925 through 930, 969 through 975

Destin Dome (Area NH 16-08)

Blocks: 1 through 7, 45 through 51, 89 through 96, 133 through 140, 177 through 184, 221 through 228, 265 through 273, 309 through 317, 353 through 361, 397 through 405, 441 through 450, 485 through 494, 529 through 538, 573 through 582, 617 through 627, 661 through 671, 705 through 715, 749 through 759, 793 through 804, 837 through 848, 881 through 892, 925 through 936, and 969 through 981

DeSoto Canyon (Area NH 16-11)

Whole Blocks: 1 through 16, 45 through 60, and 92 through 102

Portions of Blocks: 89 through 91, 103, 104, 135 through 147

Blocks outside the original Sale 181 area that were previously included in the Eastern GOM planning area and are beyond 100 miles of the Florida coast, which are under the 1998 Presidential moratorium until 2012:

DeSoto Canyon (Area NH 16-11)

Whole Blocks: 148, and 185 through 193

Portions of Blocks: 103, 104, and 141 through 147

Blocks east of the Military Mission Line (i.e. the north-south line at 86 degrees 41 minutes west longitude), and north of the Northern portion of the Eastern Gap, and west of the Central and Eastern Planning Area Boundary:

Henderson (Area NG 16-05)

Portions of Blocks: 246, 290, 334, 378, 422, and 466

Blocks that are south of the Sale 181 area, as approved in the Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997-2002, and north of the previously noted Northern portion of the Eastern Gap and west of the Military Mission Line:

Lloyd Ridge (Area NG 16-02)

Blocks: 529 through 550, 573 through 595, 617 through 639, 661 through 683, 705 through 727, 749 through 771, 793 through 816, 837 through 860, 881 through 904, 925 through 948, and 969 through 992

Henderson (Area NG 16-05)

Whole Blocks: 1 through 25, 45 through 69, 89 through 113, 133 through 157, 177 through 201, 221 through 245, 265 through 289, 309 through 333, 353 through 377, 397 through 421, 441 through 465, 485 through 509, 529 through 552, 573 through 594, 617 through 637, 661 through 680, 705 through 722, 749 through 765, 793 through 807, 837 through 850, 881 through 892, 925 through 934, and 969 through 976

Portions of Blocks: 246, 290, 334, 378, 422, and 466

Florida Plain (Area NG 16-08)

Blocks 1 through 6, 45 through 48, and 89

Whole blocks and portions of blocks deferred from this lease sale are shown on the map "Stipulations and Deferred Blocks, Lease Sale 206, Final."

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Statistical Information (Lease Sale 206):

Approximate Size: 5,569 unleased blocks; 29.8 million acres

Initial Period:

5 years for blocks in water depths less than 400 meters (with a possible extension to 8 years if drilling requirements are met):	1,460 blocks
8 years for blocks in water depths of 400 to less than 800 meters (pursuant to 30 CFR 256.37, commencement of an exploratory well is required within the first 5 years of the initial 8-year term to avoid lease cancellation):	195 blocks
10 years for blocks in water depths of 800 meters or deeper:	3,914 blocks

Minimum Bonus Bid Amount:

\$25.00 per acre or fraction thereof for water depths less than 400 meters:	1,460 blocks
\$37.50 per acre or fraction thereof for water depths 400 meters or deeper:	4,109 blocks

Rental/Minimum Royalty Rates:

\$6.25 per acre or fraction thereof for water depths less than 200 meters (with a possible escalation to as much as \$25.00 per acre if the lease has an approved extension of the initial 5-year period):	1,293 blocks
\$9.50 per acre or fraction thereof for water depths 200 meters or deeper (with a possible escalation to as much as \$38.00 per acre in the 200 to less than 400 meter water depth range if the lease has an approved extension of the initial 5-year period):	4,276 blocks

Royalty Rates:

18-3/4% royalty rate in all water depths:	5,569 blocks
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Royalty Suspension Areas:

0 to less than 400 meters:	1,460 blocks
400 to less than 800 meters:	195 blocks
800 to less than 1600 meters:	442 blocks
1600 to 2000 meters:	325 blocks
Greater than 2000 meters:	3,147 blocks

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For more information on the FNOS 206 Package, potential bidders are advised to contact Mr. Carrol Williams at (504) 736-2803, Ms. Nancy Kornrumpf at (504) 736-2726, or Ms. Ann Glazner at (504) 736-1759 of the MMS GOM OCS Region Sales and Support Unit.

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