Development Phase Flowchart

Development Operations Coordination Document (DOCD)* submitted (or supplemental for existing plans) to BOEM

Lessee submits oil spill response plan to BSEE

BOEM reviews DOCD for completeness **. If incomplete, lessee is asked to provide necessary information. If complete:

BOEM, other government agencies and states conduct reviews of the DOCD examining:
- the description of the specific work;
- description of the drilling vessel, platform, pipeline, etc;
- location of each well;
- environmental safeguards and safety features;
- rate of development;
- biological reports;
- coastal zone management consistency;
- physical environmental reports;
- air emissions information;
- and information contained in NTL No. 2010N06 (worst case discharge and blowout scenario)

Environmental Assessment conducted

DOCD conditionally approved by BOEM (pending final approval from government agencies and state review for coastal zone management consistency)

Coastal zone management review completed by the state

Application for Permit to Drill (APD) is submitted To BSEE

BSEE reviews the APD** to examine the fitness of the drilling unit, mud program, casing program cement program, the H2S contingency plan and information contained in Interim Final Rule.

APD approved

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APD approved

Oil and gas production may begin

* A DOCD is a plan that describes development and production activities proposed by an operator for a lease or group of leases. The description includes the timing of these activities, information concerning drilling vessels, the location of each proposed well or production platform or other structure, and an analysis of both onshore and offshore impacts that may occur as a result of the plan’s implementation.

** Submitted DOCDs and APDs may be returned to the operator for further information or clarification.