

Subpart A

250.101 Sec. authorizes BSEE to regulate oil and gas exploration, development and production operations on the OCS. Under Sec. authority, the Director requires that all operations:

- (a) Be conducted in accordance with OCSLA, the regs, BSEE orders, the lease, and other laws and regs
- (b) Conform to sound conservation practice to preserve, protect and develop mineral resources to:
 - 1. Make resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs
 - 2. Balance orderly resource development with protection of human, marine and coastal environments
 - 3. Ensure the public receives a fair and equitable return on resources of the OCS
 - 4. Preserve and maintain free enterprise competition
 - 5. Minimize conflicts between O&G and the recovery of other resources

250.103 BSEE may issue NTLs that clarify, supplement or provide more detail about certain requirements. May outline what you must provide as required information in BSEE submissions

250.104 To appeal BSEE decisions follow 30 CFR 290

250.105 Definitions

250.106 The Director will regulate operations to:

- (a) Promote orderly exploration, development and production of mineral resources
- (b) prevent injury or loss of life
- (c) prevent damage or waste of any natural resource, property or the environment
- (d) consult with affected States, local governments, other relevant parties and relevant Federal agencies

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(a) You must protect health, safety, property, and the environment by:

- (1) Performing all operations in a safe and workmanlike manner; and
- (2) Maintaining all equipment and work areas in a safe condition.

(b) You must immediately control, remove, or otherwise correct any hazardous oil and gas accumulation or other health, safety, or fire hazard.

(c) You must use the best available and safest technology (BAST)

§ 250.125 Service fees.

(a) The table in this paragraph (a) shows the fees that you must pay to BSEE for the services listed. The fees will be adjusted periodically according to the Implicit Price Deflator for Gross Domestic Product by publication of a document in the Federal Register. If a significant adjustment is needed to arrive at the new actual cost for any reason other than inflation, then a proposed rule containing the new fees will be published in the Federal Register for comment.

Service—processing of the following:	Fee amount	30 CFR citation
(1) [Reserved]		
(2) [Reserved]		
(3) Suspension of Operations/Suspension of Production (SOO/SOP) Request.	\$1,968	§250.171(e).
(4) [Reserved]		
(5) [Reserved]		
(6) Deepwater Operations Plan	\$3,336	§250.292(p).
(7) [Reserved]		
(8) Application for Permit to Drill (APD; Form BSEE–0123)	\$1,959 for initial applications only; no fee for revisions	§250.410(d); §250.513(b); §250.515; §250.1605; §250.1617(a); §250.1622.
(9) Application for Permit to Modify (APM; Form BSEE–0124)	\$116	§250.460; §250.513(b); §250.613(b); 250.1618(a); §250.1622; §250.1704(g).
(10) New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with more than 125 components	\$5,030 A component is a piece of equipment or ancillary system that is protected by one or more of the safety devices required by API RP 14C (as incorporated by reference in §250.198); \$13,238 additional fee will be charged if BSEE deems it necessary to visit a facility offshore, and \$6,884 to visit a facility in a shipyard	§250.802(e).

(11) New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with 25–125 components	\$1,218 Additional fee of \$8,313 will be charged if BSEE deems it necessary to visit a facility offshore, and \$4,766 to visit a facility in a shipyard	§250.802(e).
(12) New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with fewer than 25 components	\$604	§250.802(e).
(13) Production Safety System Application—Modification with more than 125 components reviewed	\$561	§250.802(e).
(14) Production Safety System Application—Modification with 25–125 components reviewed	\$201	§250.802(e).
(15) Production Safety System Application—Modification with fewer than 25 components reviewed	\$85	§250.802(e).
(16) Platform Application—Installation—Under the Platform Verification Program	\$21,075	§250.905(l).
(17) Platform Application—Installation—Fixed Structure Under the Platform Approval Program	\$3,018	§250.905(l).
(18) Platform Application—Installation—Caisson/Well Protector	\$1,536	§250.905(l)
(19) Platform Application—Modification/Repair	\$3,601	§250.905(l).
(20) New Pipeline Application (Lease Term)	\$3,283	§250.1000(b).
(21) Pipeline Application—Modification (Lease Term)	\$1,906	§250.1000(b).
(22) Pipeline Application—Modification (ROW)	\$3,865	§250.1000(b).
(23) Pipeline Repair	\$360	§250.1008(e).

Notification		
(24) Pipeline Right-of-Way (ROW) Grant Application	\$2,569	§250.1015(a).
(25) Pipeline Conversion of Lease Term to ROW	\$219	§250.1015(a).
(26) Pipeline ROW Assignment	\$186	§250.1018(b).
(27) 500 Feet From Lease/Unit Line Production Request	\$3,608	§250.1156(a).
(28) Gas Cap Production Request	\$4,592	§250.1157.
(29) Downhole Commingling Request	\$5,357	§250.1158(a).
(30) Complex Surface Commingling and Measurement Application	\$3,760	§250.1202(a); §250.1203(b); §250.1204(a).
(31) Simple Surface Commingling and Measurement Application	\$1,271	§250.1202(a); §250.1203(b); §250.1204(a).
(32) Voluntary Unitization Proposal or Unit Expansion	\$11,698	§250.1303(d).
(33) Unitization Revision	\$831	§250.1303(d).
(34) Application to Remove a Platform or Other Facility	\$4,342	§250.1727.
(35) Application to Decommission a Pipeline (Lease Term)	\$1,059	§250.1751(a) or §250.1752(a).
(36) Application to Decommission a Pipeline (ROW)	\$2,012	§250.1751(a) or §250.1752(a).

(b) Payment of the fees listed in paragraph (a) of this section must accompany the submission of the document for approval or be sent to an office identified by the Regional Director. Once a fee is paid, it is nonrefundable, even if an application or other request is withdrawn. If your application is returned to you as incomplete, you are not required to submit a new fee when you submit the amended application.

§ 250.130 Why does BSEE conduct inspections?

BSEE will inspect OCS facilities and any vessels engaged in drilling or other downhole operations. These include facilities under jurisdiction of other Federal agencies that we inspect by agreement. We conduct these inspections:

(a) To verify that you are conducting operations according to the Act, the regulations, the lease, right-of-way, the BOEM-approved Exploration Plan or Development and Production Plans; or right-of-use and easement, and other applicable laws and regulations; and

(b) To determine whether equipment designed to prevent or ameliorate blowouts, fires, spillages, or other major accidents has been installed and is operating properly according to the requirements of this part.

§ 250.146 Who is responsible for fulfilling leasehold obligations?

(a) When you are not the sole lessee, you and your co-lessee(s) are jointly and severally responsible for fulfilling your obligations under the provisions of 30 CFR parts 250 through 282 and 30 CFR parts 550 through 582 unless otherwise provided in these regulations.

(b) If your designated operator fails to fulfill any of your obligations under 30 CFR parts 250 through 282 and 30 CFR parts 550 through 582, the Regional Supervisor may require you or any or all of your co-lessees to fulfill those obligations or other operational obligations under the Act, the lease, or the regulations.

(c) Whenever the regulations in 30 CFR parts 250 through 282 and 30 CFR parts 550 through 582 require the lessee to meet a requirement or perform an action, the lessee, operator (if one has been designated), and the person actually performing the activity to which the requirement applies are jointly and severally responsible for complying with the regulation

§ 250.168 May operations or production be suspended? ↑

(a) You may request approval of a suspension, or the Regional Supervisor may direct a suspension (Directed Suspension), for all or any part of a lease or unit area.

(b) Depending on the nature of the suspended activity, suspensions are labeled either Suspensions of Operations (SOO) or Suspensions of Production (SOP).

§ 250.171 How do I request a suspension ↑

You must submit your request for a suspension to the Regional Supervisor, and BSEE must receive the request before the end of the lease term (*i.e.*, end of primary term, end of the 180-day period following the last leaseholding operation, and end of a current suspension). Your request must include:

(a) The justification for the suspension including the length of suspension requested;

(b) A reasonable schedule of work leading to the commencement or restoration of the suspended activity;

(c) A statement that a well has been drilled on the lease and determined to be producible according to §250.1603 (SOP only), 30 CFR 550.115, or 30 CFR 550.116;

(d) A commitment to production (SOP only); and

(e) The service fee listed in §250.125 of this subpart.

§ 250.172 When may the Regional Supervisor grant or direct an SOO or SOP? ↑

The Regional Supervisor may grant or direct an SOO or SOP under any of the following circumstances:

(a) When necessary to comply with judicial decrees prohibiting any activities or the permitting of those activities. The effective date of the suspension will be the effective date required by the action of the court;

(b) When activities pose a threat of serious, irreparable, or immediate harm or damage. This would include a threat to life (including fish and other aquatic life), property, any mineral deposit, or the marine, coastal, or human environment. BSEE may require you to do a site-specific study (see §250.177(a)).

(c) When necessary for the installation of safety or environmental protection equipment;

(d) When necessary to carry out the requirements of NEPA or to conduct an environmental analysis; or

(e) When necessary to allow for inordinate delays encountered in obtaining required permits or consents, including administrative or judicial challenges or appeals.

§ 250.174 When may the Regional Supervisor grant or direct an SOP? ↑

The Regional Supervisor may grant or direct an SOP when the suspension is in the National interest, and it is necessary because the suspension will meet one of the following criteria:

(a) It will allow you to properly develop a lease, including time to construct and install production facilities;

(b) It will allow you time to obtain adequate transportation facilities;

(c) It will allow you time to enter a sales contract for oil, gas, or sulphur. You must show that you are making an effort to enter into the contract(s); or

(d) It will avoid continued operations that would result in premature abandonment of a producing well(s).

§ 250.175 When may the Regional Supervisor grant an SOO? ↑

(a) The Regional Supervisor may grant an SOO when necessary to allow you time to begin drilling or other operations when you are prevented by reasons beyond your control, such as unexpected weather, unavoidable accidents, or drilling rig delays.

(b) The Regional Supervisor may grant an SOO when all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The lease was issued with a primary lease term of 5 years, or with a primary term of 8 years with a requirement to drill within 5 years;

(2) Before the end of the third year of the primary term, you or your predecessor in interest must have acquired and interpreted geophysical information that indicates:

(i) The presence of a salt sheet;

(ii) That all or a portion of a potential hydrocarbon-bearing formation may lie beneath or adjacent to the salt sheet; and

(iii) The salt sheet interferes with identification of the potential hydrocarbon-bearing formation.

(3) The interpreted geophysical information required under paragraph (b)(2) of this section must include full 3-D depth migration beneath the salt sheet and over the entire lease area.

(4) Before requesting the suspension, you have conducted or are conducting additional data processing or interpretation of the geophysical information with the objective of identifying a potential hydrocarbon-bearing formation.

(5) You demonstrate that additional time is necessary to:

- (i) Complete current processing or interpretation of existing geophysical data or information;
- (ii) Acquire, process, or interpret new geophysical data or information; **or**
- (iii) Drill into the potential hydrocarbon-bearing formation identified as a result of the activities conducted in paragraphs (b)(2), (b)(4), and (b)(5) of this section.

(c) The Regional Supervisor may grant an SOO to conduct additional geological and geophysical data analysis that may lead to the drilling of a well below 25,000 feet true vertical depth below the datum at mean sea level (TVD SS) when **all** of the following conditions are met:

(1) The lease was issued with a primary lease term of:

- (i) Five years; or
- (ii) Eight years with a requirement to drill within 5 years.

(2) Before the end of the fifth year of the primary term, you or your predecessor in interest must have acquired and interpreted geophysical information that:

- (i) Indicates that **all or a portion of a potential hydrocarbon-bearing formation lies below 25,000 feet TVD SS**; and
- (ii) **Includes full 3-D depth migration over the entire lease area.**

(3) **Before requesting the suspension, you have conducted or are conducting additional data processing or interpretation of the geophysical information with the objective of identifying a potential hydrocarbon-bearing geologic structure or stratigraphic trap lying below 25,000 feet TVD SS.**

(4) You **demonstrate that additional time is necessary to:**

- (i) Complete current processing or interpretation of existing geophysical data or information;
- (ii) Acquire, process, or interpret new geophysical or geological data or information that would affect the decision to drill the same geologic structure or stratigraphic trap, as determined by the Regional Supervisor, identified in paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this section; or
- (iii) Drill a well below 25,000 feet TVD SS into the geologic structure or stratigraphic trap identified as a result of the activities conducted in paragraphs (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4)(i) and (ii) of this section.

§ 250.180 What am I required to do to keep my lease term in effect?

(a) If your lease is in its primary term:

(2) Your lease expires at the end of its primary term unless you are conducting operations on your lease (see 30 CFR part 556). For purposes of this section, the term *operations* means, drilling, well-reworking, or production in paying quantities. The objective of the drilling or well-reworking must be to establish production in paying quantities on the lease.

(b) If you stop conducting operations during the last 180 days of your primary lease term, your lease will expire unless you either resume operations or receive an SOO or an SOP from the Regional Supervisor under §§250.172, 250.173, 250.174, or 250.175 before the end of the 180th day after you stop operations.

(c) If you extend your lease term under paragraph (b) of this section, you must pay rental or minimum royalty, as appropriate, for each year or part of the year during which your lease continues in force beyond the end of the primary lease term.

(d) If you stop conducting operations on a lease that has continued beyond its primary term, your lease will expire unless you resume operations or receive an SOO or an SOP from the Regional Supervisor under §250.172, 250.173, 250.174, or 250.175 before the end of the 180th day after you stop operations.

§ 250.197 Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.

(3) Your lease is no longer in effect,	Geophysical data, Geological data, Processed G&G information, Interpreted G&G information, Analyzed geological information,	When your lease terminates,	This release time applies only if the provisions in this table governing high-resolution systems and the provisions in 30 CFR 552.7 do not apply. The release time applies to the geophysical data and information only if acquired postlease for a lessee's exclusive use.
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Subpart D (Skim this subpart)

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Subpart M—Unitization ↑

§ 250.1300 What is the purpose of this subpart?

↑ This subpart explains how Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leases are unitized. If you are an OCS lessee, use the regulations in this subpart for both competitive reservoir and unitization situations. The purpose of joint development and unitization is to:

- (a) **Conserve natural resources;**
- (b) **Prevent waste;** and/or
- (c) **Protect correlative rights, including Federal royalty interests.**

§ 250.1301 What are the requirements for unitization?

(a) *Voluntary unitization.* You and other OCS lessees may ask the Regional Supervisor to approve a request for voluntary unitization. The Regional Supervisor may approve the request for voluntary unitization if unitized operations:

- (1) **Promote and expedite exploration and development;** or

(2) Prevent waste, conserve natural resources, or protect correlative rights, including Federal royalty interests, of a reasonably delineated and productive reservoir.

(b) **Compulsory unitization.** The Regional Supervisor may require you and other lessees to unitize operations of a reasonably delineated and productive reservoir if unitized operations are necessary to:

(1) Prevent waste;

(2) Conserve natural resources; or

(3) Protect correlative rights, including Federal royalty interests.

(c) **Unit area.** The area that a unit includes is the minimum number of leases that will allow the lessees to minimize the number of platforms, facility installations, and wells necessary for efficient exploration, development, and production of mineral deposits, oil and gas reservoirs, or potential hydrocarbon accumulations common to two or more leases. A unit may include whole leases or portions of leases.

(d) **Unit agreement.** You, the other lessees, and the unit operator must enter into a unit agreement. The unit agreement must: allocate benefits to unitized leases, designate a unit operator, and specify the effective date of the unit agreement. The unit agreement must terminate when: the unit no longer produces unitized substances, and the unit operator no longer conducts drilling or well-workover operations (§250.180) under the unit agreement, unless the Regional Supervisor orders or approves a suspension of production under §250.170.

(e) **Unit operating agreement.** The unit operator and the owners of working interests in the unitized leases must enter into a unit operating agreement. The unit operating agreement must describe how all the unit participants will apportion all costs and liabilities incurred maintaining or conducting operations. When a unit involves one or more net-profit-share leases, the unit operating agreement must describe how to attribute costs and credits to the net-profit-share lease(s), and this part of the agreement must be approved by the Regional Supervisor. Otherwise, you must provide a copy of the unit operating agreement to the Regional Supervisor, but the Regional Supervisor does not need to approve the unit operating agreement.

(f) **Extension of a lease covered by unit operations.** If your unit agreement expires or terminates, or the unit area adjusts so that no part of your lease remains within the unit boundaries, your lease expires unless:

(1) Its initial term has not expired;

(2) You conduct drilling, production, or well-reworking operations on your lease consistent with applicable regulations; or

(3) BSEE orders or approves a suspension of production or operations for your lease.

(g) **Unit operations.** If your lease, or any part of your lease, is subject to a unit agreement, the entire lease continues for the term provided in the lease, and as long thereafter as any portion of your lease remains part of the unit area, and as long as operations continue the unit in effect.

(1) If you drill, produce or perform well-workover operations on a lease within a unit, each lease, or part of a lease, in the unit will remain active in accordance with the unit agreement. Following a discovery, if your unit ceases drilling activities for a reasonable time period between the delineation of one or more reservoirs and the initiation of actual development drilling or production operations and that time period would extend beyond your lease's primary term or any extension under §250.180, the unit operator must request and obtain BSEE approval of a suspension of production under §250.170 in order to keep the unit from terminating.

(2) When a lease in a unit agreement is beyond the primary term and the lease or unit is not producing, the lease will expire unless:

(i) You conduct a continuous drilling or well reworking program designed to develop or restore the lease or unit production; or

(ii) BSEE orders or approves a suspension of operations under §250.170.

§ 250.1302 What if I have a competitive reservoir on a lease?

(a) The Regional Supervisor may require you to conduct development and production operations in a competitive reservoir under either a joint Development and Production Plan, submitted to BOEM or a unitization agreement. A competitive reservoir has one or more producing or producible well completions on each of two or more leases, or portions of leases, with different lease operating interests. For purposes of this paragraph, a producible well completion is a well which is capable of production and which is shut in at the well head or at the surface but not necessarily connected to production facilities and from which the operator plans future production.

(b) You may request that the Regional Supervisor make a preliminary determination whether a reservoir is competitive. When you receive the preliminary determination, you have 30 days (or longer if the Regional Supervisor allows additional time) to concur or to submit an objection with supporting evidence if you do not concur. The Regional Supervisor will make a final determination and notify you and the other lessees.

(c) If you conduct drilling or production operations in a reservoir determined competitive by the Regional Supervisor, you and the other affected lessees must submit for approval a joint plan of operations. You must submit the joint plan within 90 days after the Regional Supervisor makes a final determination that the reservoir is competitive. The joint plan must provide for the development and/or production of the reservoir. You may submit supplemental plans for the Regional Supervisor's approval.

(d) If you and the other affected lessees cannot reach an agreement on a joint Development and Production Plan, submitted to BOEM within the approved period of time, each lessee must submit a separate plan to the Regional Supervisor. The Regional Supervisor will hold a hearing to resolve differences in the separate plans. If the differences in the separate plans are not resolved at the hearing and the Regional Supervisor determines that unitization is necessary under §250.1301(b), BSEE will initiate unitization under §250.1304.

§ 250.1303 How do I apply for voluntary unitization?

(a) You must file a request for a voluntary unit with the Regional Supervisor. Your request must include:

- (1) A draft of the proposed unit agreement;
- (2) A proposed initial plan of operation;
- (3) Supporting geological, geophysical, and engineering data; and
- (4) Other information that may be necessary to show that the unitization proposal meets the criteria of §250.1300.

(b) The unit agreement must comply with the requirements of this part. BSEE will maintain and provide a model unit agreement for you to follow. If BSEE revises the model, BSEE will publish the revised model in the Federal Register. If you vary your unit agreement from the model agreement, you must obtain the approval of the Regional Supervisor.

(c) After the Regional Supervisor accepts your unitization proposal, you, the other lessees, and the unit operator must sign and file copies of the unit agreement, the unit operating agreement, and the initial plan of operation with the Regional Supervisor for approval.

(d) You must pay the service fee listed in §250.125 of this part with your request for a voluntary unitization proposal or the expansion of a previously approved voluntary unit to include additional acreage. Additionally, you must pay the service fee listed in §250.125 with your request for unitization revision.

§ 250.1304 How will BSEE require unitization?

(a) If the Regional Supervisor determines that unitization of operations within a proposed unit area is necessary to prevent waste, conserve natural resources of the OCS, or protect correlative rights, including Federal royalty interests, the Regional Supervisor may require unitization.

(b) If you ask BSEE to require unitization, you must file a request with the Regional Supervisor. You must include a proposed unit agreement as described in §§250.1301(d) and 250.1303(b); a proposed unit operating agreement; a proposed initial plan of operation; supporting geological, geophysical, and engineering data; and any other information that may be necessary to show that unitization meets the criteria of §250.1300. The proposed unit agreement must include a counterpart executed by each lessee seeking compulsory unitization. Lessees who seek compulsory unitization must simultaneously serve on the nonconsenting lessees copies of:

- (1) The request;
- (2) The proposed unit agreement with executed counterparts;
- (3) The proposed unit operating agreement; and
- (4) The proposed initial plan of operation.

(c) If the Regional Supervisor initiates compulsory unitization, BSEE will serve all lessees of the proposed unit area with a proposed unitization plan and a statement of reasons for the proposed unitization.

(d) The Regional Supervisor will not require unitization until BSEE provides all lessees of the proposed unit area written notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If you want BSEE to hold a hearing, you must request it within 30 days after you receive written notice from the Regional Supervisor or after you are served with a request for compulsory unitization from another lessee.

(e) BSEE will not hold a hearing under this paragraph until at least 30 days after BSEE provides written notice of the hearing date to all parties owning interests that would be made subject to the unit agreement. The Regional Supervisor must give all lessees of the proposed unit area an opportunity to submit views orally and in writing and to question both those seeking and those opposing compulsory unitization. Adjudicatory procedures are not required. The Regional Supervisor will make a decision based upon a record of the hearing, including any written information made a part of the record. The Regional Supervisor will arrange for a court reporter to make a verbatim transcript. The party seeking compulsory unitization must pay for the court reporter and pay for and provide to the Regional Supervisor within 10 days after the hearing three copies of the verbatim transcript.

(f) The Regional Supervisor will issue an order that requires or rejects compulsory unitization. That order must include a statement of reasons for the action taken and identify those parts of the record which form the basis of the decision. Any adversely affected party may appeal the final order of the Regional Supervisor under 30 CFR part 290.

250.1710 When must I permanently plug all wells on a lease?

You must permanently plug all wells on a lease within 1 year after the lease terminates.

§ 250.1721 If I temporarily abandon a well that I plan to re-enter, what must I do?

You may temporarily abandon a well when it is necessary for proper development and production of a lease. To temporarily abandon a well, you must do all of the following:

(a) Submit form BSEE-0124, Application for Permit to Modify, and the applicable information required by §250.1712 to the appropriate District Manager and receive approval;

(b) Adhere to the plugging and testing requirements for permanently plugged wells listed in the table in §250.1715, except for §250.1715(a)(8). You do not need to sever the casings, remove the wellhead, or clear the site;

(c) Set a bridge plug or a cement plug at least 100-feet long at the base of the deepest casing string, unless the casing string has been cemented and has not been drilled out. If a cement plug is set, it is not necessary for the cement plug to extend below the casing shoe into the open hole;

(d) Set a retrievable or a permanent-type bridge plug or a cement plug at least 100 feet long in the inner-most casing. The top of the bridge plug or cement plug must be no more than 1,000 feet below the mud line. BSEE may consider approving alternate requirements for subsea wells case-by-case;

(e) Identify and report subsea wellheads, casing stubs, or other obstructions that extend above the mud line according to U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) requirements;

(f) Except in water depths greater than 300 feet, protect subsea wellheads, casing stubs, mud line suspensions, or other obstructions remaining above the seafloor by using one of the following methods, as approved by the District Manager or Regional Supervisor:

(1) A caisson designed according to 30 CFR 250, subpart I, and equipped with aids to navigation;

(2) A jacket designed according to 30 CFR 250, subpart I, and equipped with aids to navigation; or

(3) A subsea protective device that meets the requirements in §250.1722.

(g) Within 30 days after you temporarily plug a well, you must submit form BSEE-0124, Application for Permit to Modify (subsequent report), and include the following information:

(1) Information included in §250.1712 with a well schematic;

(2) Information required by §250.1717(b), (c), and (d); and

(3) A description of any remaining subsea wellheads, casing stubs, mudline suspension equipment, or other obstructions that extend above the seafloor; and

(h) Submit certification by a Registered Professional Engineer of the well abandonment design and procedures; that there will be at least two independent tested barriers, including one mechanical barrier, across each flow path during abandonment activities; and that the plug meets the requirements in the table in §250.1715. The Registered Professional Engineer must be registered in a State in the United States. You must submit this certification with your APM (Form BSEE-0124) required by §250.1712.

§ 250.1725 When do I have to remove platforms and other facilities?

(a) You must remove all platforms and other facilities within 1 year after the lease or pipeline right-of-way terminates, unless you receive approval to maintain the structure to conduct other activities.

Subpart S—Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS) (Skim this subpart)