

Leasing Activities Information



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PROPOSED NOTICE OF SALE 210 Western Planning Area

Attached is the Proposed Notice of Sale 210 Package (Proposed NOS 210 Package), for Western Planning Area (WPA) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 210 scheduled for August 19, 2009, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

This Package consists of:

- Proposed NOS 210
- Lease Stipulations
- Information To Lessees
- 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 (GOM) Region Public Information Unit; telephone (800) 200-GULF or (504) 736-2519; or by written request to:

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New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

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

The Final Notice of Sale 210 Package is expected to be available in mid-July 2009. It will contain final versions of the documents listed above as well as the following:

- 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

Please note: The following terms and conditions are proposed; they are not final. Different terms and conditions may be employed in the Final Notice of Sale.

Please note: Terms and conditions for Proposed NOS 210 are generally the same as the August 2008 WPA Lease Sale 207 except for the following noteworthy matters:

Rental Rate Change

This will be the first WPA lease sale with the higher rental rates that were implemented for Central Planning Area (CPA) Lease Sale 208 that was held on March 18, 2009. The revised rental rates for this lease sale are in accordance with the following table.

Sale 210 Rental Rates per Acre or Fraction Thereof			
Water Depth in meters	Years 1-5	Years 6, 7 & 8	Years 9-10
0 to <200	\$7.00	\$14.00, \$21.00 & \$28.00 (if a lease extension is approved)	N/A
200 to <400	\$11.00	\$22.00, \$33.00 & \$44.00 (if a lease extension is approved)	N/A
400 to <800	\$11.00	\$16.00 (if exploratory well drilled per 30 CFR part 256.37)	N/A
800+	\$11.00	\$16.00	\$16.00

Minimum Royalty Change

This will be the first WPA sale with the increased minimum royalty that was implemented for CPA Lease Sale 208. The minimum royalty has been revised to \$7.00 per acre or fraction thereof per year for blocks in water depths of less than 200 meters and \$11.00 per acre or fraction thereof per year for blocks in water depths of 200 meters or deeper.

Deep Gas Royalty Suspension Provisions

Bidders are reminded that the royalty suspension provisions applying to qualifying deep wells on leases at least partly in water depths up to 200 meters will sunset on May 3, 2009.

Not Offered:

Whole blocks and portions of blocks which lie within the boundaries of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary at the East and West Flower Garden Banks and Stetson Bank (the following list includes all blocks affected by the Sanctuary boundaries):

High Island, East Addition, South Extension (Leasing Map TX7C)

Whole Block: A-398

Portions of Blocks: A-366*, A-367, A-374, A-375, A-383*, A-384*, A-385*, A-388, A-389*, A-397*, A-399, A-401

High Island, South Addition (Leasing Map TX7B)

Portions of Blocks: A-502, A-513*

* Leased

Garden Banks (OPD NG15-02)

Portions of Blocks: 134, 135

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:

Keathley Canyon (OPD NG15-05)

Portions of Blocks: 978 through 980

Sigsbee Escarpment (OPD NG15-08)

Whole Blocks: 11, 57, 103, 148, 149, 194

Portions of Blocks: 12 through 14, 58 through 60, 104 through 106, 150

Whole blocks and portions of blocks deferred from this lease sale are shown on the map "Stipulations and Deferred Blocks, Lease Sale 210, Proposed."

Statistical Information (Lease Sale 210):

Approximate Size: 3,400 unleased blocks; 18 million acres

For more information on the Proposed NOS 210 Package, potential bidders are advised to contact Mr. Carrol Williams at (504) 736-2803, Ms. Nancy Kornrumpf at (504) 736-2726, or Ms. Cindy Thibodeaux at (504) 736-2809 of the MMS GOM OCS Region Leasing and Financial Responsibility Unit.

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