
Leasing Activities Information



PROPOSED NOTICE OF SALE 213 Central Planning Area

Attached is the Proposed Notice of Sale 213 Package (Proposed NOS 213 Package), for Central Planning Area (CPA) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 213 proposed to be held at 9 a.m. on March 17, 2010, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

This Package consists of:

- Proposed NOS 213
- 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 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)
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

All of these documents may also be found on the MMS GOM Lease Information page on the Internet at:
www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/lseale/213/cgom213.html.

The Final Notice of Sale 213 Package is expected to be available in early to mid-February 2010. 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

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### **Please Note:**

Terms and conditions for Proposed NOS 213 are generally the same as for the March 2009 CPA Lease Sale 208 except for the following noteworthy matters:

#### **New Lease Form MMS-2005**

The MMS will use the recently revised Form MMS-2005 (October 2009) to convey leases; it can be viewed at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/forms/FormMMS-2005.pdf>. The lease form will be amended with the specific terms, conditions and stipulations applicable to the individual lease.

**Proposed Change in Lease Terms**

The MMS is accepting comments on the proposed revision of the lease terms for blocks in water depths of 400 meters to less than 1600 meters. Blocks in 400 to less than 800 meters change from an 8-year lease term (where commencement of an exploratory well is required within the first 5 years of the initial 8-year term to avoid lease cancellation) to a 5-year initial lease term (where commencement of an exploratory well within the initial lease term would extend the lease term to 8 years). Blocks in 800 to less than 1600 meters change from a 10-year initial lease term to a 7-year initial lease term (commencement of an exploratory well within the initial lease term would extend the lease term to 10 years). Please address any comments or questions related to this matter to Dr. Marshall Rose, MMS, Chief, Economics Division, at (703) 787-1536 or [marshall.rose@mms.gov](mailto:marshall.rose@mms.gov) within 30 days.

**Below Seabed Operations on a Portion of Mississippi Canyon, Blocks 692 and 735**

A newly developed stipulation regarding Mississippi Canyon, Blocks 692 and 735, has been adopted. Please refer to the Lease Stipulations document - Stipulation No. 13 and paragraph (s) in the Information to Lessees document included in this Proposed NOS Package for more detailed information.

**Commercial Waste Disposal Areas**

Bidders are cautioned as to the existence of an inactive commercial waste disposal site that covers all or portions of Mississippi Canyon Area, shown on the map "Stipulations and Deferred Block, Lease Sale 213" included in this Proposed NOS Package. The disposal site was established in the 1970's to facilitate the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) permitting for the seafloor deposition of thousands of steel barrels containing chemical wastes, which according to limited USEPA documentation, consist mostly of chlorinated hydrocarbons and liquid metal salts. See paragraph (t) in the Information to Lessees portion of this document for further information.

**Geophysical Data and Information Statements**

The Final Notice of Sale will include additional information for bidders regarding the submission of Geophysical Data and Information Statements on compact disk (CD).

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Not Offered:

The MMS proposes to offer for bid in this lease sale all of the unleased acreage in the CPA in the GOM except:

Although currently unleased, the bid decision on the following block is under appeal and bids will not be accepted:

Mississippi Canyon (OPD NH16-10)
Block 943

This block is deferred until measures to ensure the safety of decommissioning operations are completed:

Green Canyon (OPD NG15-03)
Block 20

Whole blocks and portions of blocks that 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 (OPD 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 (OPD 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 and portions of blocks, which are adjacent to or beyond the United States Exclusive Economic Zone, in or adjacent to the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap:

Lund South (OPD NG 16-07)
Whole Blocks: 128, 129, 169 through 173, 208, through 217, 248 through 261,
293 through 305, and 349

Henderson (OPD NG 16-05)

Whole Blocks: 466, 508 through 510, 551 through 554, 594 through 599, 637 through 643, 679 through 687, 722 through 731, 764 through 775, 807 through 819, 849 through 862, 891 through 905, 933 through 949, and 975 through 992

Portions of Blocks: 467, 511, 555, 556, 600, 644, 688, 732, 776, 777, 820, 821, 863, 864, 906, 907, 950, 993, and 994

Florida Plain (OPD NG 16-08)

Whole Blocks: 5 through 24, 46 through 67, 89 through 110, 133 through 154, 177 through 197, 221 through 240, 265 through 283, 309 through 327, and 363 through 370

Whole blocks and portions of blocks deferred by Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act:

Pensacola (OPD NH 16-05)

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

Destin Dome (OPD NH 16-08)

Whole 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 (OPD NH 16-11)

Whole Blocks: 1 through 15, 45 through 59, and 92 through 102
Portions of Blocks: 16, 60, 61, 89 through 91, 103 through 105, and 135 through 147

Henderson (OPD NG 16-05)

Portions of Blocks: 114, 158, 202, 246, 290, 334, 335, 378, 379, 422, and 423

Whole blocks and portions of blocks deferred from this lease sale are shown on the map "Proposed, Central Planning Area, Lease Sale 213, March 2010, Stipulations and Deferred Blocks."

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**Statistical Information (Lease Sale 213):**

**Size:** Approximately 6,800 unleased blocks; 35.9 million acres

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For more information on the Proposed NOS 213 Package, potential bidders are advised to contact Mr. Carrol Williams at (504) 736-2803, Ms. Nancy Kornrumpf at (504) 736-2726, or Ms. Cynthia Thibodeaux at (504) 736-2809 of the MMS GOM OCS Region Leasing and Financial Responsibility Unit.

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