

granted and periodically thereafter. If a permit or lease is granted, the permittee/lessee shall reimburse the United States for all reasonable administrative and other costs incurred by the United States in processing the application and for monitoring construction, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the land and facilities authorized. The reimbursement of costs shall be in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 2920.6.

The permit/lease application must include a reference to this notice and comply in all respects with the regulations pertaining to land use authorization applications at 43 CFR 2920.5–2 and 2920.5–5(b). If authorized, the permit/lease would be subject to valid existing rights.

Comments must be received by the BLM Gunnison Field Manager, at the above address, on or before the date stated above. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Gunnison Field Manager, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections or adverse comments, this proposed realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2920.4)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Central Planning Area (CPA) and Western Planning Area (WPA), Oil and Gas Lease Sales for Years 2009–2012**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

**SUMMARY:** The MMS has prepared a SEIS on oil and gas lease sales tentatively scheduled in 2009–2012 in

the CPA and WPA offshore the States of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. As mandated in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA) (Pub. L. 109–432, December 20, 2006), MMS shall offer, as soon as practicable, approximately 5.8 million acres located in the southeastern part of the CPA (“181 South Area”). The CPA Sale 208 (March 2009) will be the first sale to include the “181 South Area.” The SEIS analyzed newly available information for the potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the “181 South Area.”

**Authority:** This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1503) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (1988)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As mandated in GOMESA, MMS shall offer the “181 South Area” for oil and gas leasing pursuant to the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*). In March 2009, proposed Lease Sale 208 would be the first CPA sale to offer the “181 South Area.” The SEIS supplements the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2007–2012; Western Planning Area Sales 204, 207, 210, 215, and 218; Central Planning Area Sales 205, 206, 208, 213, 216, and 222, Final Environmental Impact Statement* (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007–018, Multisale EIS). The Multisale EIS did not analyze the “181 South Area”; therefore, MMS has prepared a SEIS to address the addition of the “181 South Area” to the proposed CPA sale area. Also, an extensive search was conducted for new information published since completion of the Multisale EIS, including various Internet sources, scientific journals, interviews with personnel from academic institutions, and Federal, State, and local agencies.

Based on new information and the expanded CPA sale area, MMS has reexamined potential impacts of routine activities and accidental events associated with the proposed CPA and WPA lease sales, and a proposed lease sale’s incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources. Like the Multisale EIS, the resource estimates and scenario information for the SEIS analyses are presented as a range that would encompass the resources and activities estimated for any of the seven proposed lease sales.

**Final SEIS Availability:** To obtain a single, printed or CD-ROM copy of the final SEIS, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information

Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). An electronic copy of the Final EIS is available at the MMS’s Internet Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/envIRON/nepa/nepaprocess.html>. Several libraries along the Gulf Coast have been sent copies of the SEIS. To find out which libraries, and their locations, have copies of the SEIS for review, you may contact the MMS’s Public Information Office or visit the MMS Internet Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/envIRON/libraries.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information on the SEIS or the public hearings, you may contact Dennis Chew, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard (MS 5412), New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, or by e-mail at [environment@mms.gov](mailto:environment@mms.gov). You may also contact Mr. Chew by telephone at (504) 736–2793.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 208 in the Central Planning Area (CPA) in the Gulf of Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Proposed Sale 208.

**SUMMARY:** The MMS announces the availability of the proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Sale 208 in the CPA. This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c) as a matter of information to the public. With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice. The proposed Notice sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rentals.

**DATES:** Comments on the size, timing, or location of proposed Sale 208 are due from the affected States within 60 days