

Minerals Management Service, Interior

§ 203.30

Relief withdrawn or reduced	End-of-life lease	Deep water		
		Expansion project	Pre-act lease	Development project
(1) If recipient requests	X	X	X	X
(2) Lease royalty rate is at the effective rate for 12 consecutive months	X			
(3) Conditions occur that we specified in the approval letter in individual cases	X			
(4) Recipient does not submit post-production report that compares expected to actual costs		X	X	X
(5) Recipient changes development system		X	X	X
(6) Recipient excessively delays starting fabrication		X	X	X
(7) Recipient spends less than 80 percent of proposed pre-production costs prior to start of production		X	X	X
(8) Amount of relief volume is produced		X	X	X

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§ 203.5 What is MMS’s authority to collect information?

(a) The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements in this part under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, and assigned OMB Control Number 1010-0071. The title of this information collection is “30 CFR part 203, Relief or Reduction in Royalty Rates.”

(b) The MMS collects this information to make decisions on the economic viability of leases requesting a suspension or elimination of royalty or net profit share. Responses are required to obtain a benefit or are mandatory according to 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* The MMS will protect information considered proprietary under applicable law and under regulations at 30 CFR 203.63, “How do I assess my chances for getting relief?” and 250.197, “Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.”

(c) An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

(d) Send comments regarding any aspect of the collection of information under this part, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Minerals Management Service, Mail Stop 5438, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

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Subpart B—OCS Oil, Gas, and Sulfur General

SOURCE: 63 FR 2618, Jan. 16, 1998, unless otherwise noted.

ROYALTY RELIEF FOR DRILLING ULTRA-DEEP WELLS ON LEASES NOT SUBJECT TO DEEP WATER ROYALTY RELIEF

SOURCE: 73 FR 69506, Nov. 18, 2008, unless otherwise noted.

§ 203.30 Which leases are eligible for royalty relief as a result of drilling a phase 2 or phase 3 ultra-deep well?

Your lease may receive a royalty suspension volume (RSV) under §§203.31 through 203.36 if the lease meets all the requirements of this section.

(a) The lease is located in the GOM wholly west of 87 degrees, 30 minutes West longitude in water depths entirely less than 400 meters deep.

(b) The lease has not produced gas or oil from a deep well or an ultra-deep well, except as provided in §203.31(b).

(c) If the lease is located entirely in more than 200 meters and entirely less than 400 meters of water, it must either:

(1) Have been issued before November 28, 1995, and not been granted deep water royalty relief under 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(3)(C), added by section 302 of the Deep Water Royalty Relief Act; or

(2) Have been issued after November 28, 2000, and not been granted deep water royalty relief under §§203.60 through 203.79.