

DECOMMISSIONING APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS TABLE—Continued

Decommissioning applications and reports	When to submit	Instructions
(d) Pipeline decommissioning application.	Before you decommission a pipeline	Include information required under § 250.1751(a) or § 250.1752(a), as applicable.
(e) Post-pipeline decommissioning report.	Within 30 days after you decommission a pipeline	Include information required under § 250.1753.
(f) Site clearance report for a platform or other facility.	Within 30 days after you complete site clearance verification activities.	Include information required under § 250.1743(b).
(g) Form MMS-124, Application for Permit to Modify (APM). The submission of your APM must be accompanied by payment of the service fee listed in § 250.125.	(1) Before you temporarily abandon or permanently plug a well or zone	Include information required under §§ 250.1712 and 250.1721.
	(2) Within 30 days after you plug a well * * *	Include information required under § 250.1717.
	(3) Before you install a subsea protective device	Refer to § 250.1722(a).
	(4) Within 30 days after you complete a protective device trawl test.	Include information required under § 250.1722(d).
	(5) Before you remove any casing stub or mud line suspension equipment and any subsea protective device.	Refer to § 250.1723.
	(6) Within 30 days after you complete site clearance verification activities.	Include information required under § 250.1743(a).

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PERMANENTLY PLUGGING WELLS

§ 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.

§ 250.1711 When will MMS order me to permanently plug a well?

MMS will order you to permanently plug a well if that well:

- (a) Poses a hazard to safety or the environment; or
- (b) Is not useful for lease operations and is not capable of oil, gas, or sulphur production in paying quantities.

§ 250.1712 What information must I submit before I permanently plug a well or zone?

Before you permanently plug a well or zone, you must submit form MMS-124, Application for Permit to Modify, to the appropriate District Manager and receive approval. A request for approval must contain the following information:

- (a) The reason you are plugging the well (or zone), for completions with production amounts specified by the Regional Supervisor, along with substantiating information demonstrating

its lack of capacity for further profitable production of oil, gas, or sulfur;

- (b) Recent well test data and pressure data, if available;
- (c) Maximum possible surface pressure, and how it was determined;
- (d) Type and weight of well-control fluid you will use;
- (e) A description of the work; and
- (f) A current and proposed well schematic and description that includes:
 - (1) Well depth;
 - (2) All perforated intervals that have not been plugged;
 - (3) Casing and tubing depths and details;
 - (4) Subsurface equipment;
 - (5) Estimated tops of cement (and the basis of the estimate) in each casing annulus;
 - (6) Plug locations;
 - (7) Plug types;
 - (8) Plug lengths;
 - (9) Properties of mud and cement to be used;
 - (10) Perforating and casing cutting plans;
 - (11) Plug testing plans;
 - (12) Casing removal (including information on explosives, if used);
 - (13) Proposed casing removal depth; and