§ 250.1742 What other methods can I use to verify that a site is clear?

If you do not trawl a site, you can verify that the site is clear of obstructions by using any of the methods shown in the following table:

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<th>If you use—</th>
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<td>(a) Sonar</td>
<td>cover 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).</td>
<td>Use a sonar signal with a frequency of at least 500 kHz.</td>
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<td>(b) A diver</td>
<td>ensure that the diver visually inspects 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).</td>
<td>Ensure that the diver uses a search pattern of concentric circles or parallel lines spaced no more than 10 feet apart.</td>
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<td>(c) An ROV (remotely operated vehicle)</td>
<td>ensure that the ROV camera records videotape over 100 percent of the appropriate grid area listed in §250.1741(a).</td>
<td>Ensure that the ROV uses a pattern of concentric circles or parallel lines spaced no more than 10 feet apart.</td>
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§ 250.1743 How do I certify that a site is clear of obstructions?

(a) For a well site, you must submit to the appropriate District Manager within 30 days after you complete the verification activities a form MMS–124, Application for Permit to Modify, to include the following information:

1. A signed certification that the well site area is cleared of all obstructions;
2. The date the verification work was performed and the vessel used;
3. The extent of the area surveyed;
4. The survey method used;
5. The results of the survey, including a list of any debris removed or a statement from the trawling contractor that no objects were recovered; and
6. A post-trawling job plot or map showing the trawled area.

(b) For a platform or other facility site, you must submit the following information to the appropriate Regional Supervisor within 30 days after you complete the verification activities:

1. A letter signed by an authorized official of the company that performed the verification work for you certifying that they cleared the platform or other facility site area of all obstructions;
2. The date the verification work was performed and the vessel used;
3. The extent of the area surveyed;
4. The survey method used;
5. The results of the survey, including a list of any debris removed or a statement from the trawling contractor that no objects were recovered; and
6. A post-trawling job plot or map showing the trawled area.

§ 250.1750 When may I decommission a pipeline in place?

You may decommission a pipeline in place when the Regional Supervisor determines that the pipeline does not constitute a hazard (obstruction) to navigation and commercial fishing operations, unduly interfere with other uses of the OCS, or have adverse environmental effects.