include the information listed in §250.1727.
(c) You must remove a platform or other facility according to the approved application.
(d) You must flush all production risers with seawater before you remove them.
(e) You must notify the Regional Supervisor at least 48 hours before you begin the removal operations.

§ 250.1726 When must I submit an initial platform removal application and what must it include?
An initial platform removal application is required only for leases and pipeline rights-of-way in the Pacific OCS Region or the Alaska OCS Region. It must include the following information:
(a) Platform or other facility removal procedures, including the types of vessels and equipment you will use;
(b) Facilities (including pipelines) you plan to remove or leave in place;
(c) Platform or other facility transportation and disposal plans;
(d) Plans to protect marine life and the environment during decommissioning operations, including a brief assessment of the environmental impacts of the operations, and procedures and mitigation measures that you will take to minimize the impacts; and
(e) A projected decommissioning schedule.

§ 250.1727 What information must I include in my final application to remove a platform or other facility?
You must submit to the Regional Supervisor, a final application for approval to remove a platform or other facility. Your application must be accompanied by payment of the service fee listed in §250.125. If you are proposing to use explosives, provide three copies of the application. If you are not proposing to use explosives, provide two copies of the application. Include the following information in the final removal application, as applicable:
(a) Identification of the applicant including:
   (1) Lease operator/pipeline right-of-way holder;
   (2) Address;
   (3) Contact person and telephone number; and
   (4) Shore base.
(b) Identification of the structure you are removing including:
   (1) Platform Name/BSEE Complex ID Number;
   (2) Location (lease/right-of-way, area, block, and block coordinates);
   (3) Date installed (year);
   (4) Proposed date of removal (Month/Year); and
   (5) Water depth.
(c) Description of the structure you are removing including:
   (1) Configuration (attach a photograph or a diagram);
   (2) Size;
   (3) Number of legs/casings/pilings;
   (4) Diameter and wall thickness of legs/casings/pilings;
   (5) Whether piles are grouted inside or outside;
   (6) Brief description of soil composition and condition;
   (7) The sizes and weights of the jacket, topsides (by module), conductors, and pilings; and
   (8) The maximum removal lift weight and estimated number of main lifts to remove the structure.
(d) A description, including anchor pattern, of the vessel(s) you will use to remove the structure.
(e) Identification of the purpose, including:
   (1) Lease expiration/right-of-way relinquishment date; and
   (2) Reason for removing the structure.
(f) A description of the removal method, including:
   (1) A brief description of the method you will use;
   (2) If you are using explosives, the following:
      (i) Type of explosives;
      (ii) Number and sizes of charges;
      (iii) Whether you are using single shot or multiple shots;
      (iv) If multiple shots, the sequence and timing of detonations;
      (v) Whether you are using a bulk or shaped charge;
      (vi) Depth of detonation below the mud line; and
      (vii) Whether you are placing the explosives inside or outside of the pilings;
   (3) If you will use divers or acoustic devices to conduct a pre-removal survey to detect the presence of turtles
and marine mammals, a description of 
the proposed detection method; and
(4) A statement whether or not you 
will use transducers to measure the 
pressure and impulse of the detona-
tions.
(g) Your plans for transportation and 
disposal (including as an artificial reef) 
or salvage of the removed platform.
(h) If available, the results of any re-
cent biological surveys conducted in 
the vicinity of the structure and recent 
observations of turtles or marine mam-
mals at the structure site.
(i) Your plans to protect archae-
ological and sensitive biological fea-
tures during removal operations, in-
cluding a brief assessment of the envi-
ronmental impacts of the removal op-
erations and procedures and mitigation 
measures you will take to minimize 
such impacts.
(j) A statement whether or not you 
will use divers to survey the area after 
removal to determine any effects on 
marine life.

§ 250.1728 To what depth must I re-
move a platform or other facility?

(a) Unless the Regional Supervisor 
approves an alternate depth under 
paragraph (b) of this section, you must 
remove all platforms and other facili-
ties (including templates and pilings) 
to at least 15 feet below the mud line.
(b) The Regional Supervisor may ap-
prove an alternate removal depth if:
(1) The remaining structure would 
not become an obstruction to other 
users of the seafloor or area, and 
geotechnical and other information 
you provide demonstrate that erosional 
processes capable of exposing the ob-
structions are not expected; or
(2) You determine, and BSEE con-
curs, that you must use divers and the 
seafloor sediment stability poses safety 
concerns; or
(3) The water depth is greater than 
800 meters (2,624 feet).

§ 250.1729 After I remove a platform or 
other facility, what information 
must I submit?

Within 30 days after you remove a 
platform or other facility, you must 
submit a written report to the Re-
geonal Supervisor that includes the fol-
lowing:

(a) A summary of the removal oper-
ation including the date it was com-
pleted;
(b) A description of any mitigation 
measures you took; and
(c) A statement signed by your au-
thorized representative that certifies 
that the types and amount of explo-
sives you used in removing the plat-
form or other facility were consistent 
with those set forth in the approved re-
moval application.

§ 250.1730 When might BSEE approve 
partial structure removal or top-
pling in place?

The Regional Supervisor may grant a 
departure from the requirement to re-
move a platform or other facility by 
approving partial structure removal or 
topping in place for conversion to an 
artificial reef if you meet the following 
conditions:
(a) The structure becomes part of a 
State artificial reef program, and the 
responsible State agency acquires a 
permit from the U.S. Army Corps of 
Engineers and accepts title and liabil-
ity for the structure; and
(b) You satisfy any U.S. Coast Guard 
(USCG) navigational requirements for 
the structure.

§ 250.1731 Who is responsible for de-
commissioning an OCS facility sub-
ject to an Alternate Use RUE?

(a) The holder of an Alternate Use 
RUE issued under 30 CFR part 585 is re-
ponsible for all decommissioning obli-
gations that accrue following the 
issuance of the Alternate Use RUE and 
which pertain to the Alternate Use 
RUE. See 30 CFR part 585, subpart J, 
for additional information concerning 
the decommissioning responsibilities of 
an Alternate Use RUE grant holder.
(b) The lessee under the lease origi-
nally issued under 30 CFR part 556 will 
remain responsible for decommis-
sioning obligations that accrued before 
issuance of the Alternate Use RUE, as 
well as for decommissioning obliga-
tions that accrue following issuance of 
the Alternate Use RUE to the extent 
associated with continued activities 
authorized under this part.