§ 551.10 Penalties and appeals

(a) Penalties for noncompliance under a permit issued by BOEM. You are subject to the penalty provisions of:

(1) Section 24 of the Act (43 U.S.C. 1350); and

(2) The procedures contained in 30 CFR part 550, subpart N, for non-compliance with:

(i) Any provision of the Act;

(ii) Any provision of a G&G or drilling permit; or

(iii) Any regulation or order issued under the Act.

(b) Penalties under other laws and regulations. The penalties prescribed in this section are in addition to any other penalty imposed by any other law or regulation.

(c) Procedures to appeal orders or decisions. See 30 CFR part 590 for instructions on how to appeal any order or decision that we issue under this part.

§ 551.11 Submission, inspection, and selection of geological data and information collected under a permit and processed by permittees or third parties.

(a) Availability of geological data and information collected under a permit. You must notify the Regional Director, in writing, when you complete the initial analysis, processing, or interpretation of any geological data and information. The Regional Director may request the permittee or third party to submit the analyzed, processed, and interpreted geologic data and information for inspection and/or permanent retention by BOEM. The data and information must be submitted within 30 days after such request.

(b) Submission, inspection, and selection of geological data and information. The Regional Director may request the permittee or third party to submit the analyzed, processed, and interpreted geologic data and information for inspection and/or permanent retention by BOEM. The data and information must be submitted within 30 days after such request.
(2) Paleontological reports identifying microscopic fossils by depth, including the reference datum to which paleontological sample depths are related and, if the Regional Director requests, washed samples that you maintain for paleontological determinations;
(3) Copies of well logs or charts in a digital format, if available;
(4) Results and data obtained from formation fluid tests;
(5) Analyses of core or bottom samples and/or a representative cut or split of the core or bottom sample;
(6) Detailed descriptions of any hydrocarbons or hazardous conditions encountered during operations, including near losses of well control, abnormal geopressures, and losses of circulation; and
(7) Other geological data and information that the Regional Director may specify.

d) Obligations when geological data and information collected under permit are obtained by a third party. A third party may obtain geological data and information from a permittee, or from another third party, by sale, trade, license agreement, or other means. If this happens:
(1) The third party recipient of the data and information assumes the obligations under this section, except for the notification provisions of paragraph (a)(1), and is subject to the penalty provisions of 30 CFR part 550, subpart N; and
(2) A permittee or third party that sells, trades, licenses, or otherwise provides data and information to a third party must advise the recipient, in writing, that accepting these obligations is a condition precedent of the sale, trade, license agreement, or other means.

§ 551.12 Submission, inspection, and selection of geophysical data and information collected under a permit and processed by permittees or third parties.

(a) Availability of geophysical data and information collected under a permit. (1) You must notify the Regional Director, in writing, when you complete the initial processing and interpretation of any geophysical data and information. Initial processing is the stage of processing where the data and information become available for in-house interpretation by the permittee, or become available commercially to third parties via sale, trade, license agreement, or other means.
(2) The Regional Director may ask if you have further processed or interpreted any geophysical data and information. When so asked, you must respond to BOEM in writing within 30 days.

(b) Submission, inspection and selection of geophysical data and information collected under a permit. The Regional Director may request that the permittee or third party submit geophysical data and information before making a final selection for retention. BOEM representatives may inspect and select the data and information on your premises, or the Regional Director can request delivery of the data and information to the appropriate BOEM regional office for review.
(1) You must submit the geophysical data and information within 30 days of receiving the request, unless the Regional Director extends the delivery time.
(2) At any time before final selection, the Regional Director may return any or all geophysical data and information following review. You will be notified in writing of all or portions of those data the Regional Director decides to retain.

(c) Requirements for submission of geophysical data and information collected