include the information listed in §250.1727.
(c) You must remove a platform or
other facility according to the ap-
proved application.
(d) You must flush all production ris-
ers with seawater before you remove
them.
(e) You must notify the Regional Su-
ervisor at least 48 hours before you
begin the removal operations.
§ 250.1726 When must I submit an ini-
tial platform removal application
and what must it include?
An initial platform removal applica-
tion 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 infor-
mation:
(a) Platform or other facility re-
moval 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 trans-
portation and disposal plans;
(d) Plans to protect marine life and
the environment during decommis-
sioning operations, including a brief as-
sessment 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 in-
clude in my final application to re-
move a platform or other facility?
You must submit to the Regional Su-
ervisor, a final application for ap-
proval to remove a platform or other
facility. Your application must be ac-
companied by payment of the service
fee listed in §250.125. If you are pro-
posing 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 in-
cluding:
(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 photo-
gram 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 composi-
tion and condition;
(7) The sizes and weights of the jack-
et, 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, in-
cluding:
(1) Lease expiration/right-of-way re-
linquishment date; and
(2) Reason for removing the struc-
ture.
(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 ex-
plosives inside or outside of the pilings;
(3) If you will use divers or acoustic
devices to conduct a pre-removal sur-
vey 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 detonations.
(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 recent biological surveys conducted in the vicinity of the structure and recent observations of turtles or marine mammals at the structure site.
(i) Your plans to protect archaeological and sensitive biological features during removal operations, including a brief assessment of the environmental impacts of the removal operations 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 remove 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 facilities (including templates and pilings) to at least 15 feet below the mud line.
(b) The Regional Supervisor may approve 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 obstructions are not expected; or
(2) You determine, and BSEE concurs, 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 Regional Supervisor that includes the following:

(a) A summary of the removal operation including the date it was completed;
(b) A description of any mitigation measures you took; and
(c) A statement signed by your authorized representative that certifies that the types and amount of explosives you used in removing the platform or other facility were consistent with those set forth in the approved removal application.

§ 250.1730 When might BSEE approve partial structure removal or topping in place?

The Regional Supervisor may grant a departure from the requirement to remove 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 liability for the structure; and
(b) You satisfy any U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) navigational requirements for the structure.

§ 250.1731 Who is responsible for decommissioning an OCS facility subject to an Alternate Use RUE?

(a) The holder of an Alternate Use RUE issued under 30 CFR part 585 is responsible for all decommissioning obligations 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 originally issued under 30 CFR part 556 will remain responsible for decommissioning obligations that accrued before issuance of the Alternate Use RUE, as well as for decommissioning obligations that accrue following issuance of the Alternate Use RUE to the extent associated with continued activities authorized under this part.