§ 3266.10  
is ultimately responsible for non-
compliance.
(b) Noncompliance may result in
BLM terminating your lease. See
§§ 3213.17 through 3213.19.

Subpart 3266—Confidential,
Proprietary Information

§ 3266.10 Will BLM disclose informa-
tion I submit under these regula-
tions?
All Federal and Indian data and in-
formation submitted to the BLM are
subject to part 2 of this title. Part 2 in-
cludes the Department of the Interior
regulations covering public disclosure
of data and information contained in
Department records. Certain mineral
information not protected from disclo-
sure under part 2 of this title may be
made available for inspection without
a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
request. BLM will not treat surface lo-
cation, surface elevation, or well status
information as confidential.

§ 3266.11 When I submit confidential,
proprietary information, how can I
help ensure that it is not available
to the public?
When you submit data and informa-
tion that you believe to be exempt
from disclosure by part 2 of this title,
you must clearly mark each page that
you believe contains confidential infor-
mation. BLM will keep all data and in-
formation confidential to the extent
allowed by § 2.13(c) of this title.

§ 3266.12 How long will information I
give BLM remain confidential or
proprietary?
The FOIA does not provide a finite
period of time during which informa-
tion may be exempt from public disclo-
sure. BLM reviews each situation indi-
vidually and in accordance with part 2
of this title.

Subpart 3267—Geothermal Drilling
Operations Relief and Appeals

§ 3267.10 How do I request a variance
from BLM requirements that apply
to my drilling operations?
(a) You may file a request for a vari-
ance from the requirements of §3200.4
for your approved drilling operations.
(b) We may approve your request orally or in writing. If BLM gives you
an oral approval, we will follow up with
written confirmation.

§ 3267.11 How may I appeal a BLM de-
cision regarding my drilling oper-
ations?
You may appeal our decisions regarding
your drilling operations in accordance
with §3200.5.

Subpart 3270—Utilization of
Geothermal Resources—General

§ 3270.10 What types of geothermal op-
erations are governed by these uti-
лизation regulations?
(a) The regulations in subparts 3270
through 3279 of this part cover the per-
mitting and operating procedures for
the utilization of geothermal re-
sources. This includes:
(1) Electrical generation facilities;
(2) Direct use facilities;
(3) Related utilization facility oper-
atations;
(4) Actual and allocated well field
production and injection; and
(5) Related well field operations.
(b) The utilization regulations in sub-
parts 3270 through 3279 do not address
conducting exploration operations,
which is covered in subpart 3250, or
drilling wells intended for production
or injection, which is covered in sub-
part 3260.

§ 3270.11 What general standards
apply to my utilization operations?
Your utilization operations must:
(a) Meet all operational and environ-
mental standards;
(b) Prevent unnecessary impacts on
surface and subsurface resources;
(c) Result in the maximum ultimate
recovery of geothermal resources;
(d) Result in the beneficial use of
geothermal resources, with minimum
waste;