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Chief Cadastral Surveyor.  
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## Minerals Management Service

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

The proposal for the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for reapproval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed information collection requirement and related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting Dennis C. Jones at 303-231-3046. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below, and to the OMB Paperwork Reduction Project (1010-0095), Washington, DC 20503, telephone 202-395-7340.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 3, 1997.

**Title:** Request to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation.

**OMB Approval Number:** 1010-0095.

**Abstract:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) Royalty Management Program (RMP) is proposing to continue collecting certain information from royalty payors on Federal or Indian mineral leases. Under certain circumstances lessees can deduct, from royalty payments, the reasonable actual costs of transporting the royalty portion of produced oil and gas from the lease to a processing or sales point not in the immediate lease area. When gas is processed for the recovery of gas plant products, lessees may claim a processing allowance. Transportation and processing allowances are a part of the product valuation process which MMS uses to determine if the lessee is reporting and paying the proper royalty amount.

**Bureau Form Numbers:** MMS-4393.

**Frequency:** As requested by lessee.

**Description of Respondents:** Royalty payors on Federal and Indian mineral leases.

**Estimated Completion Time:** .5 hours.

**Annual Responses:** 75.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 37.5 hours.

**Bureau Clearance Officer:** Carol A. deWitt, (703) 787-1242.

Dated: December 6, 1996.

James W. Shaw,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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## Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 166—Final Notice of Sale

1. **Authority.** This Notice is published pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, as amended) and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR Part 256).

### 2. Filing of Bids.

(a) **Filing of Bids.** Sealed bids will be received by the Regional Director (RD), Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service (MMS), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Bids may be delivered in person to that address during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Standard Time (c.s.t.)) until the Bid Submission Deadline at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 1997. Hereinafter, all times cited in this Notice refer to c.s.t. unless otherwise stated. Bids will not be accepted the day of Bid Opening, Wednesday, March 5, 1997. Bids received by the RD later than the time and date specified above will be returned unopened to the bidders. Bids may not be modified or withdrawn unless written modification or written withdrawal request is received by the RD prior to 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 1997. Bid Opening Time will be 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 500 Poydras Plaza, New Orleans, Louisiana. All bids must be submitted and will be considered in accordance with applicable regulations, including 30 CFR Part 256. The list of restricted joint bidders which applies to this sale appeared in the Federal Register at 61 FR 54213, published on October 17, 1996.

(b) **Natural Disasters.** In the event a natural disaster (such as widespread flooding) or other occurrence causes the MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Office to be closed on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, bids will be accepted until 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at the site of bid opening specified above. Under these conditions, bids may be modified or withdrawn upon written notification up until 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 1997. Closure of the office may be determined by calling (504) 736-0557 and hearing a recorded message to that effect.

### 3. Method of Bidding.

(a) **Submission of Bids.** A separate signed bid in a sealed envelope labeled "Sealed Bid for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 166, not to be opened until 9 a.m., c.s.t., Wednesday, March 5, 1997" must be submitted for each tract bid upon. The sealed envelope and the bid should contain the following information: the company name, Gulf of Mexico Company Number (GOM Company Number), area number (e.g., LA1 for West Cameron, NH16-04 for Mobile), area name (abbreviations acceptable), and the block number of the tract bid upon. In addition, the total amount bid to be considered by MMS must be in whole dollar amount. Any cent amount above the whole dollar will be ignored by MMS.

Bidders must submit with each bid 1/5th of the cash bonus, in cash or by cashier's check, bank draft, or certified check, payable to the order of the U.S. Department of the Interior—Minerals Management Service. For identification purposes, the following information must appear on the check or draft: company name, GOM Company Number, and the area and block bid on (abbreviation acceptable). No bid for less than all of the unleased portion(s) of a block will be considered.

All documents must be executed in conformance with signatory authorizations on file in the MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Office. Partnerships also need to submit or have on file a list of signatories authorized to bind the partnership. Bidders submitting joint bids must state on the bid form the proportionate interest of each participating bidder, in percent to a maximum of five decimal places, e.g., 33.33333 percent. Other documents may be required of bidders under 30 CFR 256.46. Bidders are warned against violation of 18 U.S.C. 1860 prohibiting unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders.

(b) **Submission of Statement(s) Regarding Certain Geophysical Data.** Each company submitting a bid, or participating as a joint bidder in such a bid, shall submit, prior to the Bid Submission Deadline specified in paragraph 2 of this Notice, a statement or statements identifying any processed or reprocessed pre and post stack depth migrated geophysical data in their possession or control pertaining to each and every block on which they are participating as a bidder. The existence, extent, type of such data, and identification of specific lines or 3D surveys must be clearly stated. In addition, the statement shall certify that no such data are in their possession for any other blocks on which they participate as a bidder. The statement