

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****30 CFR Part 250****Training of Lessee and Contractor Employees Engaged in Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public workshop that the Minerals Management Service (MMS) will conduct to acquire information pertinent to a revision of training regulations in Subpart O, Training, of 30 CFR Part 250. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the possible development of a performance-based training program for OCS oil and gas activities.

DATES: MMS will conduct the public workshop on June 10, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

ADDRESSES: MMS will hold the workshop in the Conference Center of the Sheraton Crown Hotel, 15700 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032. For directions, please call the Sheraton at (281) 442-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wilbon Rhome, Operations Analysis Branch, (703) 787-1587; FAX (703) 787-1555; E-mail: Wilbon.Rhyme@MMS.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The goal of this workshop will be to develop useful performance measures or indicators to help MMS evaluate how to develop a comprehensive performance based training program. MMS will be seeking additional information and comments on the following OCS Performance Based Training Program paper:

OCS Performance Based Training Program*Goal*

The goal of a performance based training program will be to develop a procedure which ensures that operator, lessee, and contractor employees are trained in well-control or production safety system operations. This program will focus on training results and not on the process by which employees are trained.

Training

Operators and lessees are responsible for developing procedures to ensure that their workers (including contractors) are properly trained and can demonstrate

their proficiency to MMS. Operators and lessees will determine the type of training, teaching methodology (classroom, computer, team, on-the-job...), training length and frequency, and the subject matter content of their program.

Performance Measures and Indicators

Appropriate performance measures and indicators will be developed and implemented by MMS for use in evaluating the results of operators' or lessees' training programs. These measures may include the following:

MMS Written Testing

MMS may periodically test operator, lessee, or contract employees. Announced or unannounced tests will be given at a training site, office, or work location.

MMS Simulator and Hands-On Testing

MMS may periodically conduct well control simulator testing or production safety system equipment hands-on testing of operator, lessee, or contract employees. Announced or unannounced tests will be given at a training site, office, or work location.

Audits, Interviews or Cooperative Reviews

MMS representatives may meet with operator or lessee personnel on a periodic basis to ascertain the effectiveness of their training program. These meetings can be either announced or unannounced, and may include an evaluation of company training documents, procedures, or interviews of key personnel.

Incident of Noncompliance (INC), Civil Penalty, and Event Data

MMS may periodically analyze an operator's performance by evaluation INC, civil penalty, and event data. Event data includes information dealing with spills, fires, explosions, blowouts, fatalities, and injuries. This evaluation may analyze this information in relation to the following:

- Number of facilities (platform/rig).
- Production volumes.
- Location.
- Frequency.

Training Implementation Plans

If an analysis of performance measures or indicators reveals problems with an operator or lessee training program, the MMS may require submittal of a training implementation plan. This plan should include a strategy on how an operator or lessee intends to address training deficiencies and procedures on how to improve their training program.

MMS Evaluation of Training Program

If review of the training implementation plan, and performance measures and indicators show an ineffective training program, then appropriate corrective actions will be initiated by the MMS. Corrective actions may include the MMS requiring an operator to adopt specific training procedures or practices.

If you are interested in signing up as a speaker at this workshop, please contact us by May 1, 1997, to discuss your participation.

Registration

The workshop will not have a registration fee. However, to assess the probable number of participants, MMS requests participants to register by contacting Dayle Grover, Operations Analysis Branch at (703) 787-1032 or FAX (703) 787-1555.

Proceedings

Proceedings will be transcribed and copies will be available for purchase. Details for obtaining copies of the proceedings will be available during the workshop.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Tennessee SIP Regarding Volatile Organic Compounds

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Tennessee on June 3, 1996, which contains revisions to the VOC definition in the construction permits chapter, amends the stage II vapor recovery portion of the VOC chapter, and revises a conversion factor contained in the performance standards for continuous emissions monitoring chapter. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule