

H-3120-1 - COMPETITIVE LEASES

Format for Decision of Assistant Secretary Denying Request
for Suspension of Lease Sale/Parcel Offering



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Appellant/Address	DECISION	
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	:	Competitive Oil and Gas
	:	Lease Sale
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Request for Suspension of Lease Sale (of Parcel Offering) Denied

This is in response to your request of (Date), for the suspension of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (Name) State Office competitive oil and gas lease sale scheduled to be held on (Date).

Pursuant to Department of the Interior Regulation 43 CFR 3120.1-3, "Only the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management may suspend a lease sale for good and just cause after reviewing the reason(s) for an appeal." I am aware that your notice of appeal has been forwarded to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) for its review.

I have reviewed the justification supporting your request for suspension of the lease sale (specific parcel offering (Number)), and I have found that there is nothing in your statement of reasons to indicate that imminent harm will occur if the sale is held and the parcels are offered and processed accordingly.

Therefore, I concur with the BLM State Director's decision to hold the sale (offer the specific parcels). Your request for suspension of the lease sale (offering of specific parcels) is hereby denied. I have directed the BLM State Director to announce at the beginning of the lease sale that an appeal is pending IBLA review.

Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management

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