



ATTENTION
Lessees and Operators of Onshore Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases
Within the Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Office

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska State Office is soliciting public comments on the proposed Notice to Lessees (NTL) described below. The comment period is from Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, through Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007. Copies of this NTL can be obtained upon request from Tim Lawlor (see contact information below). You can also download a copy of the NTL at our Web site by following the link from www.blm.gov/ak.

Comments may be submitted to Tim Lawlor, BLM Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, AK 99507-2599. For more information or to request a copy of the NTL, call (907) 267-1442, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Alaska Standard Time.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ALASKA STATE OFFICE
Notice to Alaska Lessees
NTL - 3A - Alaska
Report of Undesirable Events

This notice is to inform lessees and operators of onshore Federal and Indian oil and gas leases of reporting requirements for all spills, discharges, or other undesirable events. All such events which occur on State or private land leases within federally supervised unit or communitized areas must likewise be reported in accordance with the requirements of this notice. The requirements of this NTL supersede and replace existing NTLs and variances specifically addressing the reporting of undesirable events.

Below is a summary of what the NTL will address:

- I. Major Undesirable Events Requiring Immediate Notification
- II. Written Reports
- III. Other-Than-Major Undesirable Events
- IV. Contingency Plans
- V. Oil and Gas Operations Report (OGOR)
- VI. Liquidated Damages

The major changes from existing NTLs addressing the identification of **major** undesirable events, which require immediate verbal notification and a subsequent written report, are:

- Oil, saltwater, and toxic liquid spills, or any combination thereof, which result in the discharge (spilling) of 10 or more barrels of liquid;
- Any spill, regardless of volume, to water, tundra, or undisturbed lands; and any other spills of more than 1 barrel (42 US gallons) which occur in a sensitive area (e.g., areas such as parks, recreation sites, wildlife refuges, and urban or suburban areas)
- Any venting of 50 or more MCF of gas which occurs in a sensitive area;

The major changes from existing NTLs addressing the identification of **other-than-major** undesirable events, which require a written report unless otherwise stated, are:

- Oil, saltwater, and toxic liquid spills, or any combination thereof, which result

in the discharge (spilling) of at least 1 but less than 10 barrels of liquid in nonsensitive areas;

- Any fire which consumes volumes less than specified in **major** undesirable events;
- Spills or discharges involving less than 1 barrel of liquid or 50 MCF of gas do not require a written report but shall be consolidated into a notice submitted monthly to the AO.