

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
ALASKA STATE OFFICE

Notice to Alaska Lessees  
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Report of Undesirable Events

This Notice, which supersedes NTL-3 dated January 1, 1975, and NTL-3A dated March 1, 1979, is issued pursuant to the authority prescribed in Title 43 CFR 3164.2. Operators of onshore Federal and Indian oil and gas leases shall report all spills, discharges, or other undesirable events in accordance with the requirements of this Notice. 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. However, compliance with this Notice does not relieve an operator from the obligation of complying with the applicable rules and regulations of any State or any other Federal agencies regarding notification and reporting of undesirable events. As used in this Notice, the term Authorized Officer (AO) means that officer of the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) having supervisory jurisdiction for the geographic area in which the undesirable event occurs.

**I. Major Undesirable Events Requiring Immediate Notification**

Major undesirable events are defined as those incidents listed below in subsections A through H. These incidents, when occurring on a lease supervised by the BLM, must be verbally reported to the appropriate AO as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours from the time the incident occurred. In addition to a verbal notification, a written report must be submitted to the AO as required by Section II of this Notice.

- A. Oil, saltwater, and toxic liquid spills, or any combination thereof, which result in the discharge (spilling) of 10 or more barrels of liquid;
- B. Equipment failures or other accidents which result in the venting of 500 or more MCF of gas;
- C. Any spill, regardless of volume, to water, tundra, or undisturbed lands;
- D. Any spill 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)
- E. Any venting of 50 or more MCF of gas which occurs in a sensitive area;
- F. Any fire that consumes the volumes as specified in I.A through I.E above;
- G. Any accident which involves a fatal injury;

H. Any blowout (loss of control of any well) that occurs.

## **II. Written Reports**

A written report shall be submitted to the AO no later than 15 days following all major undesirable events identified in Section I. When required by the AO, interim reports will be submitted until final containment and cleanup operations have been accomplished. The final written report for each such event shall, as appropriate, provide:

- A. The date and time of occurrence, and the date and time reported to the BLM;
- B. The location where the incident occurred, including surface ownership and lease number;
- C. The specific nature and cause of the incident;
- D. A description of the resultant damage;
- E. The action taken and the length of time required for control of the incident, for containing the discharged fluids, and for subsequent cleanup;
- F. An estimation of volumes discharged and the volumes lost;
- G. The cause of death when fatal injuries are involved;
- H. Actions that have been or will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the incident;
- I. Other Federal or State agencies notified of the incident; and
- J. Other pertinent comments or additional information as requested by the AO.

## **III Other-Than-Major Undesirable Events**

Other-than-major undesirable events, as identified below in subsections A through E, do not need to be verbally reported. However, a written report, as required for major undesirable events in Section II of this Notice, must be provided for the following incidents:

- A. 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;
- B. Equipment failures or other accidents which result in the venting of at least 50

but less than 500 MCF of gas in nonsensitive areas;

C. Any fire which consumes volumes less than specified in I.A through I.E;

D. Each accident involving a major or life-threatening injury; and

E. 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.

#### **IV. Contingency Plans**

Upon request of the AO, a copy of any Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan required by the Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to Title 40 CFR 112 or other acceptable contingency plans, must be submitted. All plans shall provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers (both business and private) of at least two technically competent company or contract personnel authorized to order equipment or supplies and to expend funds necessary to control emergencies.

#### **V. Oil and Gas Operations Report (OGOR)**

All volumes of oil spilled, gas vented, and all hydrocarbons consumed by fire or otherwise lost, must be reported monthly on the Oil and Gas Operations Report (OGOR).

#### **VI. Liquidated Damages**

Failure to provide the necessary notification, reports, or contingency plan (when required) as provided for by this Notice, may result in other measures being taken to secure compliance, such as those provided by Title 43 CFR 3163.1.

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