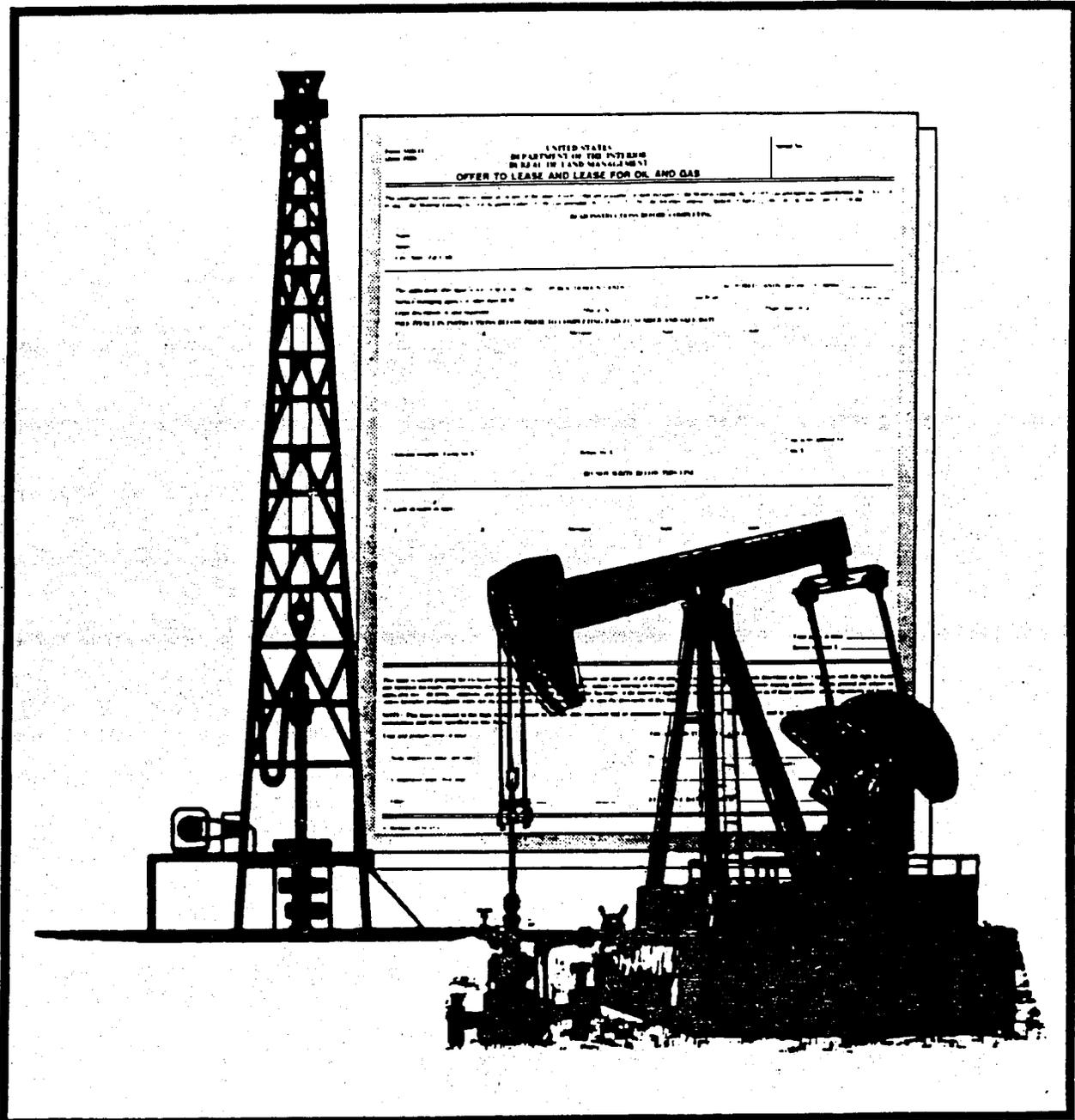




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Introduction

Effective February 26, 1982 (47 FR 8544), rulemaking eliminated the requirement for the routine submission of qualifications documents for Federal oil and gas lessees. Entities or persons submitting a noncompetitive lease offer, competitive bid, assignment, transfer, or a request for approval of an assignment or transfer are no longer routinely required to submit separate documentation of their qualifications. However, they must still be in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920, as amended and supplemented, and pertinent regulatory provisions. Bidders, offerors, assignees, and transferees now certify by signature on the Bureau-approved forms which are submitted to the proper BLM office that they are qualified to hold leases or interests therein, and do not need to submit additional evidence of their qualifications to hold lease interests unless formally requested to do so by the authorized officer.

Unsolicited qualifications documents received from persons or entities involved only in the oil and gas industry should be returned under a preprinted notice indicating that oil and gas qualifications files are no longer being maintained by the BLM (see Illustration 1).

When oil and gas corporate qualifications documents are intermingled with qualifications documents for other BLM leasing activities, e.g., coal, oil shale, or other solid leasable minerals, etc., the files should be maintained only to the extent necessary for the other leasing activities.

Powers of attorney documents should continue to be maintained and, ideally, should be kept in a separate file in the State Office (SO) Lease Adjudication Section.

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