

## Minerals Management Service, Interior

## § 250.1601

tests at either onshore or offshore locations. Tests will be designed to evaluate the competency of your employees or contract personnel in performing their assigned well control and production safety duties. You are responsible for the costs associated with this testing, excluding salary and travel costs for MMS personnel.

### § 250.1508 What must I do when MMS administers written or oral tests?

MMS or its authorized representative may test your employees or contract personnel at your worksite or at an onshore location. You and your contractors must:

- (a) Allow MMS or its authorized representative to administer written or oral tests; and
- (b) Identify personnel by current position, years of experience in present position, years of total oil field experience, and employer's name (e.g., operator, contractor, or sub-contractor company name).

### § 250.1509 What must I do when MMS administers or requires hands-on, simulator, or other types of testing?

If MMS or its authorized representative conducts, or requires you or your contractor to conduct hands-on, simulator, or other types of testing, you must:

- (a) Allow MMS or its authorized representative to administer or witness the testing;
- (b) Identify personnel by current position, years of experience in present position, years of total oil field experience, and employer's name (e.g., operator, contractor, or sub-contractor company name); and
- (c) Pay for all costs associated with the testing, excluding salary and travel costs for MMS personnel.

### § 250.1510 What will MMS do if my training program does not comply with this subpart?

If MMS determines that your training program is not in compliance, we may initiate one or more of the following enforcement actions:

- (a) Issue an Incident of Noncompliance (INC);

- (b) Require you to revise and submit to MMS your training plan to address identified deficiencies;

- (c) Assess civil/criminal penalties; or
- (d) Initiate disqualification procedures.

## Subpart P—Sulphur Operations

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### § 250.1600 Performance standard.

Operations to discover, develop, and produce sulphur in the OCS shall be in accordance with an approved Exploration Plan or Development and Production Plan and shall be conducted in a manner to protect against harm or damage to life (including fish and other aquatic life), property, natural resources of the OCS including any mineral deposits (in areas leased or not leased), the national security or defense, and the marine, coastal, or human environment.

### § 250.1601 Definitions.

Terms used in this subpart shall have the meanings as defined below:

*Air line* means a tubing string that is used to inject air within a sulphur producing well to airlift sulphur out of the well.

*Bleedwater* means a mixture of mine water or booster water and connate water that is produced by a bleedwell.

*Bleedwell* means a well drilled into a producing sulphur deposit that is used to control the mine pressure generated by the injection of mine water.

*Brine* means the water containing dissolved salt obtained from a brine well by circulating water into and out of a cavity in the salt core of a salt dome.

*Brine well* means a well drilled through cap rock into the core at a salt dome for the purpose of producing brine.

*Cap rock* means the rock formation, a body of limestone, anhydride, and/or gypsum, overlying a salt dome.

*Sulphur deposit* means a formation of rock that contains elemental sulphur.