

additional exclusions. Under Alternative D, the decisionmaker could exclude from leasing any available, unleased blocks in Alternative A subject to any one or a combination of the following stipulations: Topographic Features Stipulation; Live Bottom Stipulation; and Blocks South of Baldwin County, Alabama, Stipulation (not applicable to Alternative C). This alternative considered blocks subject to these stipulations because these areas have been emphasized in scoping, can be geographically defined, and adequate information exists regarding their ecological importance and sensitivity to OCS oil- and gas-related activities.

A total of 207 blocks within the CPA and 160 blocks in the WPA are affected by the Topographic Features Stipulation. There are currently no identified topographic features protected under this stipulation in the EPA. The Live Bottom Stipulation covers the pinnacle trend area of the CPA, affecting a total of 74 blocks. Under Alternative D, the number of blocks that would become unavailable for lease represents only a small percentage of the total number of blocks to be offered under Alternative A, B, or C (less than 4%, even if blocks subject to all three stipulations were excluded). Therefore, Alternative D could reduce offshore infrastructure and activities in these sensitive areas because Alternative D would most likely simply shift the location of offshore infrastructure and activities farther from these sensitive zones; it would not lead to a reduction in overall impacts. Moreover, the incremental negative impacts of the other alternatives compared with Alternative D would be largely mitigated by the application of the lease stipulations in Alternative A, as discussed below.

Alternative E—No Action: This alternative is not holding proposed regionwide Lease Sale 257 and is identified as the environmentally preferred alternative. Alternative E was not selected because, if it were, the needed domestic energy sources and the subsequent positive economic impacts from exploration and production, including employment, would not be realized. Not holding a single lease sale would also not significantly change the overall activity levels in the GOM (*i.e.*, on blocks leased in previous lease sales) and the associated environmental impacts in the near term; however, it would avoid the incremental contribution of the proposed regionwide lease sale to the cumulative effects of ongoing activity. Avoidance of this incremental contribution, however, is outweighed by the potential negative

economic and socioeconomic impacts of choosing Alternative E.

Lease Stipulations—Eleven lease stipulations have been adopted for Lease Sale 257, including a new stipulation, related to the processing of certain post-lease permits, and described below. The 2018 GOM Supplemental EIS describes 10 of these 11 lease stipulations, which are included in the Final Notice of Sale Package.

In the Record of Decision for the *2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing: Proposed Final Program*, the Secretary of the Interior required the protection of biologically sensitive underwater features in all Gulf of Mexico oil and gas lease sales as programmatic mitigation; therefore, BOEM is adopting the Topographic Features Stipulation and Live Bottom Stipulation and applying them to designated lease blocks in proposed Lease Sale 257. Due to a proposed expansion of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, this additional language notifies lessees that, should their lease block in the future be included in a national marine sanctuary, their operations may be subject to additional requirements and regulations from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and that a permit from that agency may be required in certain instances.

The additional nine lease stipulations considered for proposed regionwide Lease Sale 257 are the Military Areas Stipulation; the Evacuation Stipulation; the Coordination Stipulation; the Blocks South of Baldwin County, Alabama, Stipulation; the Protected Species Stipulation; the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Royalty Payment Stipulation; the Below Seabed Operations Stipulation; the Stipulation on the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico; and the Timeframe for Decisions on an Application for Permit to Drill and an Application for Permit to Modify Stipulation. The Protected Species Stipulation has been recently updated due to the completion of the Endangered Species Act consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the issuance of a Biological Opinion in March 2020, addressing OCS oil- and gas-related activities in the Gulf of Mexico, including this lease sale. The Timeframe for Decisions on an Application for Permit to Drill and an Application for Permit to Modify Stipulation was first adopted in Lease Sale 256. This stipulation is

administrative in nature and addresses the processing and timing of decisions for Applications for Permit to Drill and Applications for Permit to Modify by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). It does not alter any underlying requirements for those applications and therefore would not be expected to change any environmental effects reasonably foreseeable as a result of this lease sale and any related post-lease activities. As noted, BOEM is adopting these nine stipulations as lease terms where applicable and they are enforceable as part of the lease.

Further, Appendix B of the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2017–2022; Gulf of Mexico Lease Sales 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 256, 257, 259, and 261—Final Multisale Environmental Impact Statement* provides a list and description of standard post-lease conditions of approval that BOEM or BSEE may require as a result of their plan and permit review processes for the Gulf of Mexico OCS region.

After careful consideration, BOEM selected the preferred alternative (Alternative A) from the 2018 GOM Supplemental EIS, with certain additional blocks excluded due to their status, for proposed Lease Sale 257. BOEM is also adopting 11 lease stipulations and all practicable means of mitigation at the lease sale stage. The preferred alternative meets the purpose of and need for the proposed action, as identified in the 2018 GOM Supplemental EIS, and provides for orderly resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments while also ensuring that the public receives a fair market value for these resources and that free-market competition is maintained.

Authority: This Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR part 1505) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

On January 14, 2021, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent

Decree with the District Court of the Southern District of New York in a lawsuit entitled *United States v. Toyota Motor Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 21–323.

In this action the United States seeks, as provided under the Clean Air Act (“CAA”), civil penalties and injunctive relief from defendants in connection with violation of emission-defect reporting regulations promulgated at 40 CFR part 85, subpart T. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the United States’ claims, requires defendants to pay \$180 million, and imposes injunctive relief.

The publication of this notice opens the public comment on the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Toyota Motor Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 21–323, D.J. Ref. 90–5–2–1–11477. All comments must be submitted no later than 30 days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
By email	pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov .
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. We will provide a paper copy of the Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please email your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$9.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; New Collection: Law Enforcement Agency Certifications for Department of Justice Funding

AGENCY: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) will be submitting the following emergency information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until February 22, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time please contact Shelley S. Hyland, Supervisory Program Specialist, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 145 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20503 (email: shelley.hyland2@usdoj.gov; telephone: 202–598–1826). If you are simply providing public comments, please forward them directly to Lashon M. Hilliard, COPS PRA Program Manager, 145 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20503 (email: lashon.hilliard@usdoj.gov; 202–305–5245).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Emergency request.

(2) *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Law Enforcement Agency Certifications for Department of Justice Funding

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* There will be no form number. The applicable component within the Department of Justice is the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Respondents will be staff from designated independent credentialing bodies. On June 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued E.O. 13929 on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, which requires local, state, and university/college law enforcement agencies seeking Department of Justice discretionary funding to meet two use of force requirements: (1) The applying agency maintains use of force policies that adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and (2) the applying agency maintains use of force policies that prohibit the use of choke holds, except in situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law. Per guidance issued by the Attorney General on E.O. 13929, independent credentialing bodies are to submit a list of certified agencies to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services by January 31st in the funding year. Respondents are asked to supply the following information for each certified agency: Originating Record Identifier (ORI), Employee Identification Number (EIN), Data Universal Number System (DUNS), name of law enforcement agency, city, state and zip code of where law enforcement agency is located, title of the law enforcement agency’s chief executive (e.g., sheriff, chief of police, commissioner), chief executive’s name, and date law enforcement agency received certification for E.O. 13929.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The COPS Office estimates that 52 independent credentialing bodies will respond (49 state agencies and 3 national organizations). The COPS Office estimates compiling the lists of certified agencies will require