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OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING HISTORY
Quarterly as of 12/31/96

	Alaska	Atlantic	GOM	Pacific	Total
Sales Held	18*	10*	77	11*	113*
Blocks Offered	26,023	9,160	182,334	1,887	219,404
Leases Issued	1,591	410	13,938	470	16,409
Active Leases	80	47	6,177	83	6,387
Active Acres Leased (millions)	0.33	0.26	31.82	0.42	32.83
Wells drilled	81	49	33,240	1,131	34,501

The responsibility for administering the Atlantic leases rests with the Gulf of Mexico Region.

* Note that the reoffering Sale RS-2, held on August 5, 1982, offered oil and gas tracts on the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific OCS and is recorded as a separate sale within each of those Regions. However, Sale RS-2 is considered a single sale in the overall statistical summary on OCS leasing.

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