

FINANCIAL GUARANTEE

**CERTIFICATION OF OIL SPILL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990**
(TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES)

1. Designated Applicant: _____
COMPANY LEGAL NAME BOEM COMPANY NUMBER

2. The Responsible Parties, identified in form(s) BOEM-1017 on file or attached, and _____,
NAME OF ENTITY

a _____ created under the laws of _____,
TYPE OF ENTITY STATE

and authorized to do business in the United States, as Guarantor, (hereinafter called Guarantor), agree to be jointly and severally liable to the United States of America and other claimants for damages and removal costs under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.* (hereinafter called OPA), in the sum indicated in section 4, for which payment our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns will also be liable, under the terms and conditions of Title 30 part 553 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

This Guarantee is hereby provided on behalf of the Responsible Parties to comply with the requirements of 33 U.S.C. 2716(c) and is offered to satisfy any claim made under OPA.

3. For the purpose of this application, the undersigned is acting in the capacity of a Financial Guarantor in accordance with the requirements of 30 CFR 553.32.

4. The amount of coverage for which evidence of oil spill financial responsibility (OSFR) is being established is:

\$

5. This coverage is effective: _____ and expires on the first calendar day of the fifth month after the
DATE
close of the Financial Guarantor's fiscal year, which ends: _____.

6. The Financial Guarantor may at any time give notice of intent to cancel this Guarantee by written notice sent by certified mail to the Designated Applicant with copies (plainly indicating the original notice was sent by certified mail) to all Responsible Parties and to the BOEM oil spill financial responsibility program by certified mail. This instrument will remain in force and the undersigned will remain liable until the expiration date above or until the earlier of: (1) thirty calendar days after Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Designated Applicant receive from the instrument issuer a notification of intent to cancel; (2) BOEM receives other acceptable OSFR evidence from your Designated Applicant; or (3) all the COFs to which the instrument applies are permanently abandoned in compliance with 30 CFR Part 250 or equivalent state requirements. The undersigned agrees that termination of this instrument will not affect the liability of the Financial Guarantor for claims arising from an incident (i.e., oil discharge or substantial threat of the discharge of oil) that occurs on or before the effective date of termination of this Guarantee.

The undersigned agrees that any suit or claim for which any Responsible Parties identified in form(s) BOEM-1017, on file or attached, represented by the aforementioned Designated Applicant may be liable under Title I of the Act may be brought directly against the Financial Guarantor for claims up to the amount of the penalty asserted by the U.S. government or other claimants when a Responsible Party denies or fails to pay a claim on the basis of insolvency or a Responsible Party has petitioned for bankruptcy under Title 11 of the U.S. Code.

The undersigned further agrees not to use any defenses except those that would be available to a Responsible Party for whom the Guarantee was provided or that the incident (i.e., oil discharge or a substantial threat of the discharge of oil) leading to the claim for removal costs or damages was caused by willful misconduct of a Responsible Party for whom the Designated Applicant demonstrated OSFR.

7. Financial Guarantor providing evidence of oil spill financial responsibility in the form of a Guarantee.

COMPANY LEGAL NAME	BOEM COMPANY NUMBER	
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
CONTACT PERSON FOR CLAIMS	CONTACT PERSON'S TITLE	
AREA CODE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	AREA CODE AND FAX NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS

8. The undersigned, as an Authorized Representative of the above-named Financial Guarantor, certifies on behalf of the Financial Guarantor that the requirements set forth in 30 CFR Part 553, and specifically §§ 553.20, 553.23-28, 553.30 and 553.40 have been met, and further agrees that, the Financial Guarantor, pursuant to the requirements of 30 CFR 553.15, will notify the BOEM oil spill financial responsibility program in the event that the Financial Guarantor is no longer able to maintain evidence of oil spill financial responsibility to the extent stated in section 4 above.

NAME	SIGNATURE
TITLE	DATE

9. The Financial Guarantor's U.S. Agent for Service of Process is:

NAME	BOEM COMPANY NUMBER	
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
AREA CODE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	AREA CODE AND FAX NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS

10. The liability of the Financial Guarantor will not be discharged by any payment or succession of payments made, unless and until such payment or payments will amount in the aggregate to the amount of the Guarantee. In no event will the Financial Guarantor's obligation exceed the amount of the Guarantee, provided the Financial Guarantor furnishes timely written notice to the BOEM oil spill financial responsibility program of all claims filed, judgments rendered, and payments made by the Financial Guarantor under this Guarantee.
11. The Designated Applicant must, no later than the first calendar day of the fifth month after the close of your Financial Guarantor's fiscal year or expiration if earlier, submit either a renewal of this Financial Guarantee or other acceptable evidence of financial responsibility.
12. In witness whereof, the Designated Applicant for the Responsible Parties and the Financial Guarantor have executed this instrument on the _____ day of _____.
MONTH YEAR

Designated Applicant for the Responsible Parties named herein:

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Financial Guarantor:

SIGNATURE

NAME

TITLE

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990

OIL SPILL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFSHORE FACILITIES

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) requires us to inform you that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) collects this information to:

1. Provide a standard method for establishing eligibility for oil spill financial responsibility (OSFR) for offshore facilities;
2. Identify and maintain a record of those offshore facilities that have a potential oil spill liability;
3. Establish and maintain a continuous record, over the liability term specified in Title I of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, of financial evidence and instruments established to pay claims for oil spill cleanup and damages resulting from operations conducted on offshore facilities and the transportation of oil from offshore platforms and wells;
4. Establish and maintain a continuous record of Responsible Parties, as defined in Title I of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and their agents or Authorized Representatives for oil spill financial responsibility for offshore facilities; and
5. Establish and maintain a continuous record, over the liability term specified in Title I of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, of persons to contact and U.S. Agents for Service of Process for claims associated with oil spills from offshore facilities.

The BOEM will routinely use the information to:

1. Ensure compliance of offshore lessees and owners and operators of offshore facilities with Title I of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990;
2. Establish eligibility of applicants for OSFR; and
3. Establish a reference source of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Responsible Parties for offshore facilities and their Authorized Representatives and Guarantors for claims associated with oil pollution from designated offshore facilities.

Responses are mandatory (33 U.S.C. 2716). No confidential or proprietary information is required to be submitted. The BOEM considers oil spill financial responsibility demonstrations, including supporting audited financial statements, to be public information open for review under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number. The public reporting burden for an application for certification of oil spill financial responsibility is listed below. The burden includes the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the application. The average burden for this form and required information that could comprise a submission is 1.5 hours.

Comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form should be directed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166.