

## Top Ways Operators Can Submit Stronger Plan Applications

This document contains a list of the most common problems found during the plan completeness review and is intended as a tool to help operators submit complete plans with as few errors as possible. In order to have a *plan processed as quickly as possible*, please ensure you have checked the following:

<b>Problem area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Solution</b>
<i>Not enough buffer zone around biologically sensitive area</i>	<i>Plan fails to incorporate NTL 2009-G-40 which increases the separation of wells from chemosynthetic communities from 1,500 to 2,000 ft.</i>	<i>Make sure well placement complies with NTL</i>
<i>Inadequate maps</i>	<i>Maps are submitted without proper buffer zones indicated</i>	<i>Check that your maps have the right buffer zones indicated (e.g., 2,000-foot radius around well for areas potentially supporting chemosynthetic communities &amp; 1,000-foot radius beyond anchor)</i>
<i>Inconsistent well information</i>	<i>Inconsistent information regarding wells in the plan</i>	<i>Ensure the well information listed on the OCS Plan Information Form matches the information elsewhere in the plan (e.g., location, schedule, rig type)</i>
<i>Unclear maps</i>	<i>The plan's maps are unclear, illegible, or chopped off in key places</i>	<i>Check to make sure maps are legible and clearly show the required information</i>
<i>Storage Tanks on drilling rigs are listed incorrectly</i>	<i>Information regarding volumes of tanks/vessels containing hydrocarbons on drilling rigs is incorrect</i>	<i>Refer to the "Maximum Storage Tank Estimates for Rig and Drillship Types" on the Plans website</i>
<i>Inconsistent water quality information</i>	<i>Wastes listed on "Ocean Discharges" and "Discharges brought to land for treatment" tables do not appear on the "Generated Discharges" table</i>	<i>Use the sample water quality tables on the Plans website</i>

<i>Insufficient WCD information</i>	<i>Plan does not include information on how WCD was calculated</i>	<i>Double check that all WCD information and calculations are included and are consistent.</i>
<i>Inaccurate air quality information</i>	<i>Air quality emissions numbers are on the air quality calculation spreadsheet are not correct</i>	<i>Make sure you have not inadvertently deleted any formula cells from the original spreadsheet or entered incorrect information regarding the number of days</i>

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