

**MAY 1, 2023**

**FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES -- NO ACTION IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME**

## **MEMORANDUM REGARDING FORCE MAJEURE TO STATE LEASE OPERATORS**

The Office of Mineral Resources (OMR) wishes to remind our Lessees that the 2023 Hurricane Season begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please take a moment to review the State Mineral and Energy Board's (Board) Force Majeure Policy. OMR's "How-To" guide for reporting force majeure events can be accessed at the Department of Natural Resources website located at [www.dnr.la.gov](http://www.dnr.la.gov). Please note:

1. The Board requires lessees to report force majeure conditions that result in the shutting in of State Leases.
2. The Board requires that this force majeure condition be reported in a timely manner, which is before the Lease would normally expire under its own terms.
3. The Board requires that if a State Lease can be maintained by a payment (rental, shut-in, deferred development, etc.), then those payments should be made timely.
4. All new requests for force majeure recognition should be submitted using the online force majeure reporting system. If unable to connect to the reporting system, please complete the excel spreadsheet and forward that via email. Links to the online reporting system and spreadsheet can be found in the "**How to Report Force Majeure**" section of OMR's website.
5. Upon receipt of a report, the OMR staff will provide additional instructions for any further information or actions required.
6. All State Leases that do not include force majeure language may need to be amended to include the current force majeure language.

Finally, please review your hurricane preparedness and emergency evacuation plans to ensure they are up to date. Also, update and verify your emergency contact information of employees, support services, and government representatives.

If you have any questions concerning force majeure, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Talbot directly at (225) 342-7121 or by email at [Jason.Talbot@la.gov](mailto:Jason.Talbot@la.gov).

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