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NOTICE

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) anticipates offering nominated minerals at a proposed May 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Auction. All nominations must meet the following criteria:

- **Nominations of mineral rights to be considered must be received on the enclosed form.**
- **You must include the surface owner's name, address, and specific legal description on parcels where the Department owns the minerals only. Please type the specific legal description of each surface owner on the form OR highlight and enclose the specific information on equalization documents.**
- **Forest, Mineral and Fire Management must receive the form, appropriate fee, and surface owner information between November 5, 2007, and December 7, 2007, in order for minerals to be considered for the auction. Please do not wait until the final day to submit your nominations. Nominations will be accepted during the referenced time-period only.**
- **Only the first 100,000 acres nominated will be considered for leasing.**
- **Only Department-managed or previously leased minerals will be included in the auction. Mineral rights owned by other State Departments may only be leased through the Direct Lease process, if applicable.**
- **If nominating parcels containing state-owned minerals within a subdivision, you must provide the subdivision name, lot, and block number. Please note that some nominated subdivision parcels may require additional research and may not meet the deadlines in order to be included in the upcoming auction. In this instance, the parcels will be included with the nominations for a subsequent auction.**

Nominations that do not meet the above criteria may not be included in the proposed May auction. No refunds of nomination fees will be given.

REMINDER: Your nomination does not guarantee that each parcel will be offered. Other factors may impact the ability to lease the minerals (i.e., surface use considerations, title issues, existing lease on the parcel, and Executive Order). Forest, Mineral and Fire Management will make every attempt to include eligible nominated parcels in an upcoming auction. No refund of nomination fees will be made if it is determined that the minerals cannot be offered for lease. Additionally, successful bidders for offerings containing tax-reverted parcels must provide an acceptable Attorney's Title Opinion stating that the mineral rights were not severed at the time of tax reversion to the State. If an acceptable Attorney's Title Opinion is not provided within six months after the auction, a lease will not be issued and the Department will not refund the bonus and rental paid.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Mineral and Land Management Section, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, or at 517-373-7663. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Vendor Number	Nomination Number

OIL AND GAS LEASE AUCTION NOMINATION

Required under authority of Part 5, Section 502, of Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

PLEASE NOTE: Submission of this information is required **before** the DNR can offer State-owned mineral rights at a State of Michigan Oil and Gas Lease Auction. If you have any questions you may contact the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Mineral and Land Management Section at 517-373-7663. TTY/TDD 711 (Michigan Relay Center) Website address: www.michigan.gov/dnr

Date of Nomination	Fee Enclosed at \$70.00 per Quarter Section
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Nominator's Name	On Behalf of:
Address	Address
City State Zip Code	City State Zip Code
Telephone Number:	Telephone Number:

Please use Attachment A (Page 2) to list nominations.

CERTIFICATION

I wish to nominate the State-owned minerals for oil and gas leasing which are listed on Attachment A (Page 2). I understand the nominated lands will be included in the next available oil and gas lease auction unless removed by the DNR due to factors that prevent offering, i.e., surface use restrictions, Executive Orders, or direct leases that have been subsequently issued.

I certify that I have: 1) Researched the title of the lands outlined on Attachment A of this document; 2) Found the minerals to be under the jurisdiction of the DNR; 3) Found the minerals to be free of any leasehold interest as of the date of this nomination; and, 4) Provided the names and addresses of all surface owners of record for State-owned minerals only.

Signature of Nominator

Date

Nominations cannot be processed without full nomination fee and the surface owner's name and address. Make checks or money orders payable to the **"State of Michigan"**. *Do not send cash.* Submit the full nomination fee and completed nomination form.

MAIL TO:

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