

Lease Term	Extension or Suspension	Requirements
<p>(1) Each limited lease issued competitively has a preliminary term of 6 months to submit a GAP. The preliminary term begins on the effective date of the lease.</p>	<p>If we receive a GAP that satisfies the requirements of §§ 285.640 through 285.648 of this part, the preliminary term will be automatically extended for the period of time necessary for us to conduct a technical and environmental review of the plans.</p>	<p>The GAP must meet the requirements of §§ 285.640 through 285.648.</p>
<p>(2) The operations term begins when MMS approves your GAP and issues your lease. A limited lease issued noncompetitively does not have a preliminary term.</p>		<p>You must submit and MMS must approve your GAP before we will issue a lease. The GAP must meet the requirements of §§ 285.640 through 285.648.</p>
<p>(3) Each limited lease has an operations term of 5 years for conducting site assessment, technology testing, or other activities. The operations term begins on the date that we approve your GAP.</p>	<p>We may order or grant a suspension of the operations term as provided in §§ 285.415 through 285.421.</p>	