

currently approved burden for form MMS-123 to more accurately reflect the time required to submit supplemental information and data, not only the time to complete the form MMS-123.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden:** We have identified no information collection cost burdens for this collection of information.

**Comments:** All comments are made a part of the public record. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires each agency " \* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*." Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the addresses section of this notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by August 23, 1999.

**MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:** Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

**John V. Mirabella,**

*Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submissions for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of four currently approved information collections.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995

(44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), we are notifying you that we have submitted the four information collection requests (ICR) discussed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We are also inviting your comments on these ICRs.

**DATE:** Submit written comments by August 23, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0017, 1010-0039, 1010-0045, or 1010-0046), 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Mail or handcarry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collections of information at no cost.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### *Titles (OMB Control Numbers):*

Form MMS-124, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (1010-0045)  
Form MMS-125, Well Summary Report (1010-0046)  
Form MMS-126, Well Potential Test Report (1010-0039)  
Form MMS-128, Semiannual Well Test Report (1010-0017)

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, requires the Secretary of the Interior to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS; make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resources development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environment; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources offshore; preserve and maintain free enterprise competition, and ensure that the extent of oil and natural gas resources of the OCS is assessed at the earliest practicable time. To carry out these responsibilities, we issue rules governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the OCS. The regulations requiring the information collection forms that are the subject of this notice are 30 CFR part 250, subpart D, Drilling Operations; Subpart E, Well-Completion Operations; subpart F, Well-Workover Operations; Subpart G, Abandonment of Wells; subpart K, Production Rates; and subpart P, Sulphur Operations.

Failure to collect this information would prevent the Director from carrying out the mandate of the OCS Lands Act. The following explains how we use the information collected and the consequences if we did not collect the information.

a. Form MMS-124. MMS District Supervisors use the information to evaluate the adequacy of the equipment, materials, and/or procedures that the lessee plans to use for drilling, production, well-completion, well-workover, and well-abandonment operations. If we did not collect this information, we could not review lessee plans to require changes to drilling procedures or equipment to ensure that levels of safety and environmental protection are maintained. Nor could we review information concerning requests for approval or subsequent reporting of well-completion or well-workover operations to ensure that procedures and equipment are appropriate for the anticipated conditions.

b. Form MMS-125. District Supervisors use the information to ensure that they have accurate data on the wells under their jurisdiction and to ensure compliance with approved plans. It is also used to evaluate remedial action in well-equipment failure or well-control loss situations.

c. Form MMS-126. MMS Regional Supervisors use the information for various environmental, reservoir, reserves, and conservation analyses, including the determination of the maximum production rate for an oil or gas well. The form contains information concerning the conditions and results of a well potential test. This requirement carries out the conservation provisions of the OCS Lands Act. Failure to collect this information could result in waste of energy resources in the OCS by production at imprudent rates, jeopardizing the ultimate full recovery of hydrocarbons. Please note that we have shortened the name of this form, but have made no other changes to the form. Its previous name was "Well Potential Test Report and Request for Maximum Production Rate (MPR)."

d. Form MMS-128. Regional Supervisors use this information to evaluate the results of well tests to find out if reservoirs are being depleted in a way that will lead to the greatest ultimate recovery of hydrocarbons. We designed the form to present current well data on a semiannual basis to allow the updating of permissible producing rates and to provide the basis for estimates of currently remaining recoverable gas reserves.

We will protect proprietary information submitted with the plans

according to the Freedom of Information Act and 30 CFR 250.118, "Data and information to be made available to the public." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

The PRA provides that 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 OMB control number.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees.

**Frequency:** Forms MMS-124, MMS-125, and MMS-126, are on occasion; Form MMS-128 is semiannual.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:** We estimate the following burdens for these forms:

Form MMS-124 9,500 responses @ 1 1/4 hours per response=11,875 hours

Form MMS-125 2,275 responses @ 1 hour per response=2,275 hours

Form MMS-126 1,250 responses @ 1 hour per response=1,250 hours

Form MMS-128 1,660 responses @ 1 1/2 hours per response=2,490 hours

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden:** We have identified no information collection cost burdens for this collection of information.

**Comments:** All comments are made a part of the public record. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires each agency " \* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*." Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by August 23, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new information collection (1010-XXXX).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), we are notifying you that we have submitted the information collection request (ICR) discussed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We are also inviting your comments on this ICR. **DATE:** Submit written comments by August 23, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-XXXX), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Mail or handcarry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collection of information at no cost.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Supplemental APD Information Sheet, Form MMS-123S.

**OMB Control Number:** 1010-NEW.

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, requires the Secretary of the Interior to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS; make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resources development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environment; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources offshore; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

To carry out these responsibilities, we issued rules governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the OCS. Regulations requiring submission of information to be included on form MMS-123S are 30 CFR 250.414, 250.513, and 250.1617.

We published a **Federal Register** notice with the required 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this ICR on March 18, 1999 (64 FR 13443). The notice announced that we were revising form MMS-123, Application for Permit to Drill (APD), into a two-page form to adopt a standard reporting format for supplemental information that is currently submitted with the APD. However, during the comment period, we determined that instead we would not change the form MMS-123. Instead, we would make the proposed second page a separate form (MMS-123S, Supplemental APD Information Sheet) that can be submitted with either an ADP or a Sundry Notice and Report on Well (form MMS-124) to request side tracking a well. The new form MMS-123S does not require respondents to report any new information. It allows information required in current regulations to be reported in a uniform, consistent format. Respondents in the Gulf of Mexico Region have been using a similar unofficial format for several years, which will be replaced by the approved new form. This is also another step in our goal to institute electronic reporting of information.

We use this information to determine the conditions of a drilling site to avoid hazards inherent in drilling operations; to evaluate the adequacy of respondents' drilling, well-completion, well-workover, and well-abandonment plans and equipment; and to determine if the proposed operations will be conducted in an operationally safe manner that provides adequate environmental protection. Except for proprietary data, we are required to make the information available to the public for information.

We will protect proprietary information submitted with the plans according to the Freedom of Information Act and 30 CFR 250.118, "Data and information to be made available to the public." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

The PRA provides that 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 OMB control number.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** Approximately 130 Federal OCS sulphur or oil and gas lessees.