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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.

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; 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.

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

Frequency: The frequency of reporting is on occasion.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: Average burden is one-half hour per form, including the time to gather the information. The total annual estimated burden is 683 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.

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

Dated: July 1, 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; Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of currently approved information collection (1010-0068).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) discussed below has been forwarded to the OMB for review and approval. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. 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.

DATES: 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 (1010-0079), 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: 30 CFR 250, Subpart M, Unitization.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0068.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*), gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and

gas resources in the OCS consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Section 1334(a) specifies that the Secretary will establish rules and regulations to provide for the "prevention of waste and conservation of the natural resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein" and include provisions "for unitization, pooling, and drilling agreements." To carry out these responsibilities, we have established regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart M, "Unitization."

The MMS OCS Regions use the information to determine whether to approve a proposal to enter into an agreement to unitize operations under two or more leases or to approve modifications when circumstances change. The information is necessary to ensure that operations will result in preventing waste, conserving natural resources, and protecting correlative rights, including the Government's interests. We also use information submitted to determine competitiveness of a reservoir or to decide that compelling unitization will achieve these results.

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 required to obtain or retain a benefit or are mandatory.

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

Frequency: The frequency of reporting is on occasion.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 2,742 burden hours, averaging approximately 102 hours per response. See following chart.

BURDEN BREAKDOWN

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart M	Requirement	Average number per year	Burden	Annual burdens hours
1301	General description of requirements	Burden included in following sections.		0
1301(f)(3), (g)(1)	Request suspension of production or operations ..	Burden covered under 1010-0030.		0
1302(b)	Request preliminary determination on competitive reservoir.	2 requests	24 hours	48