

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.

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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

BURDEN BREAKDOWN—Continued

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart M	Requirement	Average number per year	Burden	Annual burdens hours
1302(b)	Submit concurrence or objection on competitiveness with supporting evidence.	2 requests	24 hours	48
1302(c), (d)	Submit joint plan of operations or separate plan if agreement cannot be reached.	2 plans	24 hours	48
1303	Apply for voluntary unitization, including submitting unit agreement, unit operating agreement, joint plan of operation, and supporting data; request for variance from model agreement.	17 applications/plans	144 hours	2,448
1304(b)	Request compulsory unitization, including submitting unit agreement, unit operating agreement, initial plan of operation, and supporting data; serving nonconsenting lessees with documents.	1 request	144 hours	144
1304(d)	Request hearing on required unitization	1 request	1 hour	1
1304(e)	Submit statement at hearing on compulsory unitization.	1 statement	4 hours	4
130(e)	Submit three copies of verbatim transcript of hearing.	1 submission	1 hour	1
1304(f)	Appeal final order of compulsory unitization	Burden covered under 1010-0121		0
Total Reporting	27 responses	2,742

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden: Section 250.1304(d) provides an opportunity for parties notified of compulsory unitization to request a hearing. Section 250.1304(e) requires the party seeking compulsory unitization to obtain the court reporter and submit to MMS three copies of the verbatim transcript of the hearing. There have been no such hearings in the recent past and none are expected in the near future. We estimate the burden would be less than \$100 to reproduce the copies.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Announcement of Posting of Invitation for Bids on Crude Oil From Federal Leases and State of Wyoming Properties in Wyoming

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation for Bids on Federal and State of Wyoming crude oil in the State of Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will post on MMS's Internet Home Page, and make available in hard copy, a public competitive offering of approximately 3,250 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil, to be taken as royalty-in-kind (RIK) from a combination of Federal properties and State of Wyoming (State) properties in Wyoming's Bighorn and Powder River Basins through an Invitation for Bids (IFB), Number 31010.

DATES: The IFB will be posted on MMS's Internet Home Page on or about July 19, 1999. Bids will be due to MMS and State of Wyoming, at the posted

receipt location for both, on or about August 9, 1999. MMS and the State of Wyoming will notify successful bidders on or about August 16, 1999. The Federal Government and the State will begin actual taking of awarded royalty oil volumes for delivery to successful bidders for a 6-month period beginning on or about October 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The IFB will be posted on MMS's Home page at <http://www.mms.gov> under the icon "What's New." The IFB may also be obtained by contacting Ms. Betty Estey at the address in the FURTHER INFORMATION section. Bids should be submitted to the address provided in the IFB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on MMS's RIK pilots, contact Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4230, Washington DC 20240; telephone number (202)208-3827; fax (202)208-3918; e-mail Bonn.Macy@mms.gov. For additional information concerning the IFB document, terms, and process for Federal leases, contact Ms. Betty Estey, Minerals Management Service, MS 2510, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4817; telephone number (703)787-1352; fax (703) 787-1009; e-mail Betty.Estey@mms.gov. For additional information concerning the IFB document, terms, and process for State of Wyoming properties, contact Mr. Harold Kemp, Office of State Lands and Investments, Herschler Building, 3rd Floor West, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0600; telephone number (307) 777-6643; Fax: (307) 777-5400; Email: hkemp@missc.state.wy.us.