

indefinitely or until action is taken to complete a permanent closure.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of maps are available at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cedar City Field Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720 and BLM Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Craig Egerton, Cedar City Field Office, at (435) 586-2401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 4433 acre Spring Creek Canyon WSA was established in 1980.

The WSA is currently designated as open to OHV use as documented in the Off Road Vehicle Designation and Implementation Plan (OHV Plan) for Beaver River Resource Area completed in 1987. The OHV plan also prescribes that BLM monitor ongoing (OHV) activity and, if necessary, adjust the time, location, or quantity of use. The Interim Management Policy for WSA's restricts vehicle travel to existing ways present at the time of WSA designation to prevent impairment of areas with wilderness characteristics. The Spring Creek Canyon WSA has received considerable increase in OHV use, extending of OHV routes, and impairment of wilderness character since designation of this WSA. Further, a recent action of bulldozing in Spring Creek Canyon has occurred which has caused further impairment. Therefore, BLM is temporarily closing to OHV use the area as described above.

Dated: September 23, 1999.

**Craig Egerton,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Announcement of Posting of Invitation for Exchange of Natural Gas From Federal Properties in the Gulf of Mexico

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of invitation for exchange of Federal royalty gas.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service will post on MMS's Internet Home Page, and make available in hard copy, a public competitive offering of approximately 260 million cubic feet per day of natural gas, to be taken as royalty-in-kind from Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR)

under an Invitation For Exchange (IFE), Number MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-001.

**DATES:** The IFE will be posted on MMS's Internet Home Page on or about October 8, 1999. Bids will be due to MMS, at the posted receipt location, on or about October 22, 1999. MMS will notify successful bidders on or about October 29, 1999. The Federal Government will begin actual taking of awarded royalty gas volumes for delivery to successful bidders for a 4-month period beginning on December 1, 1999. A preliminary list of properties from which MMS is considering taking royalty gas was posted September 27, 1999, on MMS's Internet Home Page.

**ADDRESSES:** The IFE will be posted on MMS's Home Page at <http://www.mms.gov> under the icon "What's New." The IFE may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Michael Del-Colle at the address in the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section. Bids should be submitted to the address provided in the IFE.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information on MMS's RIK pilots, contact Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-4230, Washington D.C. 20240; telephone number (202) 208-3827; fax (202) 208-3918; e-mail [Bonn.Macy@mms.gov](mailto:Bonn.Macy@mms.gov). For additional information concerning the IFE document, terms, and process for Federal leases, contact Mr. Michael Del-Colle, Minerals Management Service, MS-2510, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4817; telephone number (703) 787-1375; fax (703) 787-1009; e-mail [Michael.Del-Colle@mms.gov](mailto:Michael.Del-Colle@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This offering of natural gas in the IFE begins the third of MMS's three planned RIK pilots and will involve Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR). The first Pilot involved crude oil from Federal and State of Wyoming properties in Wyoming and the second was limited to Federal properties in the 8(g) zone of the GOMR, offshore of Texas. MMS's objective in this third pilot, as in all its pilots, is to identify the circumstances in which taking oil and gas royalties as a share of production (RIK) is a viable alternative to its usual practice of collecting oil and gas royalties as a share of the value received by the lessee for sale of the production. This third pilot is expected to last 2 to 3 years.

This IFE will offer approximately 260 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from about 146 Federal properties located in the High Island, East and West Cameron, and Sabine Pass areas of the GOMR. The royalty gas flows

through about 75 facility measurement points (FMP's) on five pipeline systems.

Purchasers may bid on production from individual properties and/or on groups of properties. Under the terms of the offer, successful bidders would take the royalty gas from specified properties and locations near the lease and, in return, deliver natural gas in equivalent amounts and qualities to a specified location. Bids will be due as specified in the IFE on October 22, 1999; successful bidders will be notified on or about October 29, 1999.

The following are some of the additional details regarding the offering that will be posted in the IFE on or about October 8, 1999.

- List of specific properties;
- For each property—FMP location and identification number, average daily royalty volume, quality, current operator; and other pipeline information.
- Bid basis;
- Reporting requirements;
- Terms and conditions; and
- Contract format.

Information on the internet posting and availability of the IFE in hard copy are being made available to oil and gas trade journals as well as in this **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

**Walter D. Cruickshank,**

*Associate Director for Policy and Management Improvement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection under Review: Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 1999 at 64 FR 44748, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the INS on this proposed information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public

comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 4, 1999. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Stuart Shapiro, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530; 202-395-7316.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application to Preserve residence for Naturalization.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form N-470. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The information will be used to determine whether an alien who intends to be absent from United States for a period of one year or more is eligible to preserve residence for naturalization purposes.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time*

*estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 300 responses at 15 minutes (.25) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 75 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

*Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 2025-99]

#### Announcement of a Meeting on the Status of the Evaluation of the Employment Verification Pilots

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** On September 15, 1997, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) published a notice in the **Federal Register** describing pilot programs that are required by section 403 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA). The pilots include: (1) The Basic Pilot—requiring participating employers to verify employment authorization for all new employees, regardless of citizenship; (2) the Citizen Attestation Pilot; and (3) the Machine-Readable Document Pilot. The purpose of this notice is to announce to interested members of the public a

meeting on the current status of the evaluation of the Pilots and to solicit comments and suggestions on the proposed methodology for the Basic Pilot.

**DATE AND TIME:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m..

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Immigration and Naturalization Service Headquarters, 425 I Street NW., Washington, DC 20536, Shaughnessy Room, 6th floor Conference Room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *Service contact:* Sally Goya, Office of Policy and Planning, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street NW., Washington, DC 20536, Telephone: (202) 616-0543. *Research contact:* Dr. Carolyn F. Shettle, Temple University/Institute for Survey Research, 4646 40th Street NW., Washington, DC 20016. Telephone: (202) 537-6700 Fax: (202) 537-6873. *E-mail:* cschettle@erols.com.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Basic Pilot was established by the Service in response to section 403 of the IIRIRA. The Basic Pilot is a free employment eligibility confirmation system operated by this Service and the Social Security Administration to test a method of providing effective, nondiscriminatory employment eligibility verification. The Basic Pilot will allow participating employers to confirm the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees and help maintain a stable, legal workforce. The evaluation, which was also mandated by the IIRIRA, is being conducted by two independent contractors, Temple University's Institute for Survey Research and the Westat Corporation.

#### Summary of Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of the Basic Pilot Program
- Overview of the evaluation goals
- Presentation of the proposed methodological approach for collecting data on the Basic Pilot Program
- Presentation of analysis
- Questions and comments

#### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating. Persons planning to attend should notify Dr. Shettle at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may pose questions or make comments during the meeting; however, written questions submitted in advance would be appreciated.