

- Sec. 3, lots 2-4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 4, lots 1-4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 5, lot 1, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 11, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 29 N., R. 102 W.,
- Sec. 5, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 6, lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 27, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 35, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$.
- T. 30 N., R. 102 W.,
- Sec. 19, lots 1-4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 30, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 31, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 32, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 4943.13 acres in Fremont County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect and preserve significant recreation, scenic, riparian, historic, and wildlife resources along segments of the Sweetwater River pending further study and possibly longer-term actions.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the undersigned officer of the BLM.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Wyoming State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which would not impact the plant habitat may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

Dated: October 21, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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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 (1010-0059).

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.

DATES: Submit written comments by November 29, 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 (1010-0059), 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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 H, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0059.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*) gives the Secretary of the Interior 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. To carry out these responsibilities, we established regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart H, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems. In addition, we also issue Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTL) to clarify and provide additional guidance on some aspects of the regulations.

We collect information under subpart H of the regulations to evaluate equipment and/or procedures that lessees propose to use during production operations. Information is also used to verify the no-flow condition of wells to continue the waiver of requirements to install valves capable of preventing backflow. The MMS inspectors review the records maintained to verify compliance with testing and minimum safety requirements. In the Pacific OCS Region, respondents submit Emergency Action Plans (EAP) to their local air quality agencies in response to California air quality laws to protect public health during exceptional air pollution episodes. We review these plans prior to the event of an air pollution episode to ensure that abatement measures do not jeopardize safe platform operations.

If we did not collect the information, we could not carry out the mandate of the OCS Lands Act to ensure safe operations in the OCS. Specifically, MMS could not review safety system designs prior to installation to ensure that minimum safety standards will be met; review records of erosion control to ensure that erosion control programs are effective; review plans for simultaneous operations to ensure safety of operations when more than one activity is being conducted simultaneously on a production facility; review records of safety devices to ensure proper maintenance during the useful life of that equipment; and verify proper performance of safety and pollution prevention equipment (SPPE).

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 or required to obtain or retain a benefit.

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.

We published a **Federal Register** notice with the required 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this ICR on August 12, 1999 (64 FR 44044).

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

Frequency: The frequency of reporting is on occasion and annual.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: 5,204 burden hours, averaging approximately 40 hours per respondent. See following chart.

BURDEN BREAKDOWN

| Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart H | Reporting and recordkeeping requirement | Annual number | Burden | Annual burden hours |
|--|--|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| 800; 801(a), (d), (e)(1), (f), (g), (h)(3); 802(e); 803(b)(1)(iii), (2)(ii)(A), (4)(ii), (7)(iii),(8). | Application and approvals for design, installation, and operation of subsurface safety devices and surface production-safety systems and related requirements. | 176 Submissions | 4 hours | 704 |
| 800; 804(a)(11) | Notify MMS prior to production when ready to conduct pre-production test and inspection. | 152 Notices | .5 hour | 76 |
| 801(g) | Submit annual verification of no-flow condition of well. | 35 Verifications | 2 hours | 70 |
| 801(h)(1) | Form MMS-124, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells. | Burden covered under 1010-0045 for this form. | | 0 |
| 801(h)(2); 803(c) | Identify well with sign on wellhead that subsurface safety device is removed; flag safety devices that are out of service. | Usual/customary safety procedures for removing or identifying out-of-service safety devices. | | 0 |
| 802 | Submit statement verifying final surface production safety system installed conforms to approved design. | 150 Statements | 3 hours | 450 |
| 803(b)(8)(iv) | Post diagram of firefighting system | 75 Postings | 2 hours | 150 |
| 804; related NTL | Submit copy of state-required EAP containing test abatement plans in the Pacific OCS Region. | 8 Plans | 1 hour | 8 |
| 806(c) | Request evaluation and approval of other quality assurance programs covering manufacture of SPPE. | 1 Request | 2 hours | 2 |
| Reporting—Subtotal | | 597 | | 1,460 |
| 801(h)(2); 802(e); 804(b) | Maintain records on subsurface and surface safety devices to include approved design & installation features, testing, repair, removal, etc. | 130 Recordkeepers | 12 hours | 1,560 |
| 803(b)(1)(iii), (2)(i) | Maintain pressure-recorder charts | 130 Recordkeepers | 10 hours | 1,300 |
| 803(b)(4)(iii) | Maintain schematic of the emergency shutdown which indicates the control functions of all safety devices. | 130 Recordkeepers | 4 hours | 520 |
| 803(b)(11) | Maintain records of wells that have erosion-control programs and results. | 130 Recordkeepers | 2.8 hours | 364 |
| Recordkeeping—Subtotal. | | 130 | | 3,744 |
| Reporting & Recordkeeping Total Hour Burden. | | 727 | | 5,204 |

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour 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 November 29, 1999.

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

Dated: September 30, 1999.

E.P. Danenberger,

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 (1010-0057).

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. **DATES:** Submit written comments by November 29, 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 (1010-0057), 725 17th Street, N.W., 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 C, Pollution Prevention and Control.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0057.

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. The OCS Lands Act also requires the Secretary to administer the provisions of this subchapter relating to the leasing of the OCS, and to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary "for compliance with the national ambient air quality standards pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*), to the extent that activities authorized under this Act significantly affect the air quality of any State." The OCS Lands Act directs the Secretary to "establish regulations requiring all materials, equipment, tools, containers, and all other items used on the OCS to be properly color coded, stamped, or labeled, wherever practicable, with the owner's identification prior to actual use."

To carry out the responsibilities, we issued regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart C, Pollution Prevention and Control. These regulations collect information related to new facilities and modifications to existing facilities with respect to pollution prevention and control. In addition, we also issue Notices to Lessees and Operators to clarify and provide additional guidance on some aspects of the regulations.

We collect information under subpart C to ensure that:

- There is no threat of serious, irreparable, or immediate damage to the marine environment and to identify potential hazards to commercial fishing caused by OCS oil and gas exploration, development, and production activities;

- The location of items lost overboard is recorded to aid in recovery by the operator during site clearance activities on the lease;

- Operations are conducted according to all applicable regulations, permit conditions and requirements, and conducted in a safe and workmanlike manner;

- OCS oil and gas operations minimize air pollution of the OCS and adjacent onshore areas and comply with the emission levels specified in the MMS Development and Production Plan approval conditions;

- A data baseline is established for the meteorological, oceanographic, and sea-ice conditions in frontier areas of the OCS to determine that offshore facilities and operational practices can withstand the expected environmental forces in an area;

- Discharge or disposal of drill cuttings, sand, and other well solids, including those containing naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM),

are properly handled for the protection of OCS workers and the environment; and

- Facilities are inspected daily for the prevention of pollution, and problems observed have been corrected.

If we did not collect the information, we could not carry out the mandate of the OCS Lands Act to ensure safe and environmentally sound operations in the OCS. We could not determine if operations comply with standards to minimize air pollution of the OCS and adjacent onshore areas.

Beginning January 1, 2000, we will conduct a 1-year information collection of meteorological data and air pollutant emissions for production facilities in the Breton National Wildlife Refuge/Wilderness Area (BWA). The information will be submitted on a monthly basis. We will use the information collected from the affected lessees/operators to determine whether emissions from OCS activities may be significantly affecting the air quality of the BWA, a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Class I Area as defined by the Clean Air Act. In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency has promulgated new, more stringent ambient air quality standards for ozone and is drafting regulations dealing with regional haze. It is anticipated that these regulations will require State agencies to perform modeling for ozone and regional haze for their State Implementation Plans (SIPs). The States will require information for the year 2000 on OCS activities in the central and western Gulf of Mexico (GOM). In preparation, we are requiring the affected respondents to collect and report facility, equipment, fuel usage, and other information beginning January 1, 2000. The information will be submitted for the entire year, sometime during March 2001. We will use the information collected from the affected lessees/operators to calculate air pollutant emissions that may significantly impact onshore areas. The emissions inventory will be available for State agencies to help them in preparing the SIPs for the coastal parishes/counties that have been declared as non-attainment areas for ozone.

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.