

collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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 agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Application for Fee or Roster Personnel Designation, and Appraisal Report Forms.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0538.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Information is collected from real estate appraisers and inspectors seeking placement on the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Appraiser and Inspector Rosters. The FHA Appraiser Roster is a national listing of eligible appraisers who prepare appraisals on single family properties that will be security for FHA insured mortgages. The FHA Inspector Roster is a national listing of eligible inspectors who determine the quality of construction of single family properties that will be security for FHA insured mortgages. FHA Roster Appraisers and Inspectors assist in protecting the interest of HUD, the taxpayers, and the FHA insurance fund.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-92563 and HUD-92564-CN.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 1,494; the number of respondents is 470,668 generating 470,868 annual responses; the frequency per response is on occasion; and the estimated time needed to prepare the responses varies from 0 to 30 minutes.

Status of the proposed information collection: This is a revision of a currently approved collection, seeking to include the requirements approved under OMB control number 2502-0548, FHA Fee Inspector Panel Application Package.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 17, 2006.

Frank L. Davis,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee—Notice of Renewal

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Outer Continental Shelf Scientific Committee.

SUMMARY: Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior is renewing the OCS Scientific Committee.

The OCS Scientific Committee provides advice on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific value of the Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Studies Program to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Minerals Management Service. The Committee reviews the relevance of the research and data being produced to meet MMS scientific information needs for decision making and may recommend changes in scope, direction, and emphasis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeryne Bryant, Minerals Management Service, Offshore Minerals Management, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, telephone (703) 787-1213.

Certification

I hereby certify that the renewal of the OCS Scientific Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, and 30 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*

Dated: February 17, 2006.

Gale A. Norton,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on a Proposed New Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A proposal extending information collection described below has been

submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Address your comments and suggestions on the proposal by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (oir_docket@omb.eop.gov) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department. Send copies of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150 Centre Avenue Building C, Fort Collins, CO 80526-8118 or e-mail (phadrea_ponds@usgs.gov).

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the USGS solicits specific public comments as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Community Survey of Rappahannock River Valley Residents.
OMB Approval No.: New collection.

Summary: This information collection is in support of development of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Rappahannock National Wildlife Refuge. Under the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, all national wildlife refuges are required to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP). A CCP is a document that provides a framework for guiding refuge management decisions. This planning process ensures the opportunity for active public involvement in the preparation and revision of comprehensive conservation plans. This information collection will inform the planning process by providing information to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the attitudes and opinions of local residents

regarding Rappahannock National Wildlife Refuge and its management.
Estimated Completion Time: 25 minutes.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 650.

Frequency: One time.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 271 hours.

Affected Public: Residents adjacent to the Rappahannock River Basin, Virginia.

For Further Information Contact: To obtain copies of the survey, contact Phadrea Ponds, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150 Centre Avenue Building C, Fort Collins, CO 80526-8118, telephone 970-226-9445.

Dated: December 27, 2005.

Carol Cooper,

Acting Associate Director for Biology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Major Portion Prices and Due Date for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated With an Index Zone

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of major portion prices for calendar year 2004.

SUMMARY: Final regulations for valuing gas produced from Indian leases, published on August 10, 1999, require MMS to determine major portion values and notify industry by publishing the values in the **Federal Register**. The regulations also require MMS to publish a due date for industry to pay additional royalty based on the major portion value. This notice provides the major portion values for the 12 months of 2004. The due date to pay is April 30, 2006, after which late interest will accrue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Barder, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance and Asset Management, MMS; telephone (303) 231-3702; FAX (303) 231-3755; e-mail to John.Barder@mms.gov; or Larry Gratz, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance and Asset Management, MMS; telephone (303) 231-3427; FAX (303) 231-3755; e-mail to Larry.Gratz@mms.gov. Mailing address: Minerals Management Service, Compliance and Asset Management, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance and Asset Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 396B2, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 10, 1999, MMS published a final rule titled "Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases," (64 FR 43506) with an effective date of January 1, 2000. The gas regulations apply to all gas production from Indian (tribal or allotted) oil and gas leases, except leases on the Osage Indian Reservation.

The rule requires that MMS publish major portion prices for each designated area not associated with an index zone for each production month beginning January 2000, along with a due date for additional royalty payments. See 30 CFR 206.174(a)(4)(ii) (2005). If additional royalties are due based on a published major portion price, the lessee must submit an amended Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, to MMS by the due date. If additional royalties are not paid by the due date, late payment interest, under 30 CFR 218.54 (2005), will accrue using the Internal Revenue Service underpayment rate (26 CFR 6621(a)(2)) from the due date until payment is made and an amended Form MMS-2014 is received. The table below lists the major portion prices for all designated areas not associated with an index zone. The due date is April 30, 2006.

GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE

MMS-Designated Areas	Jan 2004 (MMBtu)	Feb 2004 (MMBtu)	Mar 2004 (MMBtu)	Apr 2004 (MMBtu)
Blackfeet Reservation	7.37	7.07	6.35	6.61
Fort Belknap	5.42	5.32	5.25	5.25
Fort Berthold	5.32	4.70	4.56	5.12
Fort Peck Reservation	5.83	5.43	4.75	4.87
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	5.04	4.80	4.27	4.38
Rocky Boys Reservation	4.19	3.93	4.08	4.24
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	4.39	4.65	4.19	4.15
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	5.06	4.74	4.28	4.11
	May 2004 (MMBtu)	Jun 2004 (MMBtu)	Jul 2004 (MMBtu)	Aug 2004 (MMBtu)
Blackfeet Reservation	6.78	7.58	7.32	7.27
Fort Belknap	5.35	5.55	5.56	5.42
Fort Berthold	5.83	5.80	5.22	6.35
Fort Peck Reservation	5.02	5.67	5.59	5.91
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	4.92	5.41	5.22	5.18
Rocky Boys Reservation	4.55	4.55	4.41	4.18
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	4.82	5.13	5.09	4.87
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	4.91	5.24	4.97	4.89
	Sep 2004 (MMBtu)	Oct 2004 (MMBtu)	Nov 2004 (MMBtu)	Dec 2004 (MMBtu)
Blackfeet Reservation	6.48	6.22	9.20	8.95
Fort Belknap	5.37	5.56	5.67	5.74
Fort Berthold	4.14	4.94	8.00	5.67
Fort Peck Reservation	5.35	6.91	7.61	7.09
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	4.47	4.54	6.47	5.73
Rocky Boys Reservation	3.66	4.54	4.62	4.86
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	4.25	4.40	6.32	5.81