

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0086).

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATE: Submit written comments by August 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments and suggestions directly to the Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0086), 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. Send a copy of your comments to the Minerals Management Service, Attention: Rules Processing Team, Mail Stop 4024, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexis London, Engineering and Operations Division, Minerals Management Service, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may obtain copies of the supporting statement and collection of information by contacting MMS's Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 208-7744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 250, subpart P, Sulphur Operations.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0086.

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 resource 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, MMS has issued regulations at 30 CFR part 250, subpart P, Sulphur Operations, of that part contains requirements and procedures for sulphur drilling, well-completion, and well-workover operations and production in the OCS.

The MMS uses the information collected under subpart P to ensure that sulphur operations and production in the OCS are carried out in a manner that is safe and pollution free. If respondents submit proprietary information, it will be protected under 30 CFR 250.118. Data and information to be made available to the public. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. The requirement to respond is mandatory.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Currently there is only one active Federal OCS sulphur lease operator.

Frequency: On occasion, varies by section (see charts below).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 978 burden hours (see charts below).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden: None.

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart P	Reporting requirement	Average number per year	Burden per reqmnt.	Annual burden hours
1600	Submit exploration or development and production plan	Burden in collection for 30 CFR 250, subpart B (1010-0049)		0
1603(a)	Request determination whether sulphur deposit can produce in paying quantities.	1 request	1 hour	1
1605(b)(3)	Submit data and information on fitness of drilling unit	4 submissions	4 hours	16
1605(c)	Report oceanographic, meteorological, and drilling unit performance data upon request.	It has not been necessary to request these data		0
1605(d)	Submit results of additional surveys and soil borings upon request.	It has not been necessary to request these data		
1605(e)(5)	Request copy of directional survey (by holder of adjoining lease)	It has not been necessary to request these data		0
1605(f)	Submit application for installation of fixed drilling platforms or structures.	Burden in collection for 30 CFR 250, subpart I (1010-0058)		0
1607	Request establishment, amendment, or cancellation of field rules for drilling, well completion, or well workover.	2 requests	8 hours	16
1608	Submit well casing and cementing plan or modification	2 plans	5 hours	10
1610(d)(8)	Request exception to ram-type blowout preventer (BOP) system components rated working pressure.	No requests in recent years		0
1611(b); 1625(b)	Request exception to water-rated working pressure to test ram-type and annular BOPs and choke manifold.	50 requests	1/2 hour	25
1611(f); 1625(f)	Request exception to recording pressure conditions during BOP tests on pressure charts.	No requests in recent years		0
1612	Request exception to § 250.408 requirements for well-control drills.	No requests in recent years		0
1615	Request exception to blind-shear ram or pipe rams and inside BOP to secure wells.	1 request	1 hour	1
1617; 1618; 1619(b); 1622.	Submit forms MMS-123 (Application for Permit to Drill), MMS-124 (Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells), Form MMS-125 (Well Summary Report).	Burden in collection for forms: MMS-123 (1010-0044), MMS-124 (1010-0045), and MMS-125 (1010-0046)		0
1619(c), (d), (e)	Submit copies of records, logs, reports, charts, etc., upon request.	8 submissions	1 hour	8
1628(b), (d)	Submit application for design and installation features of sulphur production facilities and fuel gas safety system; certify new installation conforms to approved design.	1 application	4 hours	4

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart P	Reporting requirement	Average number per year	Burden per reqmnt.	Annual burden hours
1629(b)(3)	Request approval of firefighting systems	10 requests	4 hours	40
1630(a)(5)	Notify MMS of preproduction test and inspection of safety system and commencement of production.	4 notifications	1/2 hour	2
1633(b)	Submit application for method of production measurement	2 applications	2 hours	4
1634(b)	Report evidence of mishandling of produced sulphur or tampering or falsifying any measurement of production.	1 report	1 hour	1
Total reporting.	86 Responses	128
1604(f)	Check traveling-block safety device for proper operation weekly and after each drill-line slipping; enter results in log.	1 lessee × 52 weeks × 2 rigs = 104.	1/4 hour	26
1605(g)	Retain records of crane operation inspection, testing, maintenance, and operator qualifications for 2 years.	1 lessee	3 hours	3
1609(a)	Pressure test casing; record time, conditions of testing, and test results in log.	1 lessee × 60 tests/ records = 60.	2 hours	120
1611(d)(3); 1625(c)(3).	Record in driller's report the date, time, and reason for postponing pressure testings.	1 lessee × 6 recordings = 6 ..	10 minutes	1
1611(f), (g); 1625(f), (g).	Conduct tests, actuations, inspections, maintenance, and crew drills of BOP systems at least weekly; record results in driller's report; retain records for 2 years following completion of drilling activity.	1 lessee × 52 weeks = 52	6 hours	312
1613(e)	Pressure test diverter sealing element/valves weekly; actuate diverter sealing element/valves/control system every 24 hours; test diverter line for flow every 24 hours; record test times and results in driller's report.	On occasion (daily/weekly during drilling) 2 rigs × 52 weeks = 104.	2 hours	208
1616(c)	Retain training records for lessee and drilling contractor personnel.	Burden in collection for 30 CFR 250, subpart O (1010-0078)		0
1619(a)	Retain records for each well and all well operations for 2 years	1 lessee	12 hours	12
1621	Conduct safety meetings prior to well-completion or well-workover operations; record date and time.	1 lessee × 50 meetings/ records = 50.	1 hour	50
1628(d)	Maintain information concerning approved design and installation features for the life of the facility.	1 lessee	1 hour	1
1629(b)(1)(ii) and (iii).	Retain pressure-recording charts used to determine operating pressure ranges for 2 years; post firefighting system diagram.	1 lessee	12 hours	12
1630(b)	Maintain records for each safety device installed for 2 years	1 lessee	1 hour	1
1631	Conduct safety device training prior to production operations and periodically thereafter; record date and time.	1 lessee × 52 trainings/ records × 2 rigs = 104.	1 hour	104
Total recordkeeping.	850

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act 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 27, 1998.

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ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0043).

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