

through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

BLM manages and sells timber located on the revested Oregon and California Railroad and the reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands pursuant to authority of the Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 875, 43 U.S.C. 1181e). BLM manages and sells timber located on other lands under the jurisdiction of the BLM pursuant to the Act of July 31, 1947, as amended (61 Stat. 681, 30 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Acts of 1975 and 1976 contained a requirement for the inclusion of provisions in timber sale contracts that will ensure that unprocessed timber sold from public lands under the jurisdiction of the BLM will not be exported or used by the purchasers as a substitute for timber they export or sell for export. The implementing regulations, found at 43 CFR 5400, Sales of Forest Products, General, were issued on June 13, 1970 (35 FR 9783). The regulations were amended on March 26, 1976 (41 FR 12658) to reflect the prohibition against export and substitution, and last amended on March 11, 1991 (56 FR 10175). The Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act (FRCSRA) of 1990 (Public Law 101-382, 16 U.S.C. 620 *et seq.*) directs the BLM to publish new regulations and revise existing regulations to continue the prohibition on exporting unprocessed timber harvested from Federal lands west of the 100th Meridian in the contiguous 48 states. The BLM has not yet promulgated such regulations; the FRCSRA directs that regulations in effect before such date of promulgation shall continue to govern the export prohibition, making continued use of this form necessary.

Timber purchasers or their affiliates must provide the information listed at 43 CFR 5424.1(a). BLM collects the purchaser's name, timber contract number, processing facility location, total volume of Federal timber purchased on an annual basis, total volume of private timber exported on an annual basis, and method of measuring the volume using BLM form 5460-17, Substitution Determination. The regulations at 43 CFR 5424.1(b) require that the purchasers or affiliates retain a record of Federal timber acquisitions and private timber exports for three

years from the date the activity occurred. BLM uses this information to determine if there was a substitution of Federal timber for exported private timber in violation of 43 CFR 5400.0-3(c). If BLM did not collect this information, it could not protect against export and substitution.

Based on BLM's experience administering timber contracts, the public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to average one hour per response. The respondents are Federal timber purchasers who have exported private timber within one year preceding the purchase date of Federal timber and/or affiliates of a timber purchaser who exported private timber within one year before the acquisition of Federal timber from the purchaser. The frequency of response for substitution determination is annually. The number of responses per year is estimated to be about 100. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 100 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 5460-17 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[WO-310-1310-PB-01-24 1 A]**

#### **Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0134**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of an existing approval to collect certain information from operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. The information to be collected will be used to determine whether proposed operations may be approved to begin or alter operations or

to allow operations to continue, or enables the monitoring of compliance with granted approvals. Granted approvals include drilling plans, prevention of waste, protection of resources, development of a lease, measurement, production verification, and protection of public health and safety.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 23, 2000, to assure consideration of them.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include "Attn: 1004-0134" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

BLM will make comments available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Gamble, Fluid Minerals Group, (202) 452-0338.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), the BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

In accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); the

Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351–359); the various Indian leasing acts; and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), BLM's implementing regulations at 43 CFR part 3160 require affected Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas operators and operating rights owners to maintain records or provide information by means other than the submission of forms.

The recordkeeping and nonform information collection items required under various provisions of 43 CFR part 3160 pertain to data submitted by the operator or operating rights owner. The information either provides data so that proposed operations may be approved or enables the monitoring of compliance with granted approval and is used to grant approval to begin or alter

operations or to allow operations to continue. The specific requirements are listed by regulation section.

The information required under 43 CFR part 3160 covers a broad range of possible operations, and rarely will any specific operator be required to obtain or provide each item. Many of the requirements are one-time filings used to gain approval to conduct a variety of oil and gas operations. Others are routine data submissions that are used to monitor production and ensure compliance with lease terms, regulations, Orders, Notices to Lessees, and conditions of approval. Production information from each producing lease is used to verify volumes and disposition of oil and gas produced on Federal and Indian lands. All recordkeeping burdens are associated with nonform items requested.

Based on its experience managing the activities required by these regulations,

BLM estimates the average public reporting burden of each provision for the information collection, including recordkeeping, ranges from about 10 minutes to 16 hours per response, depending on which information is required. The respondents are operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. The frequency of response varies from one-time-only to occasionally to routine, depending on activities conducted on oil and gas leases and on operational circumstances. The number of responses per year is estimated to total 193,855. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 96,885. BLM is specifically requesting your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that it takes to prepare a response. The table below summarizes our estimates.

Information collection (43 CFR)	Requirement	Hours per response	Burden hours	Respondents
3162.3–1(a) .....	Well-Spacing Program .....	.5	75	150
3162.3–1(e) .....	Drilling Plans .....	8	23,000	2,875
3162.6 .....	Well Markers .....	.5	150	300
3162.5–2(b) .....	Direction Drilling .....	1	165	<sup>1</sup> 165
3162.4–2(a) .....	Drilling Tests, Logs, Surveys .....	1	330	<sup>1</sup> 330
3162.3–4(a) .....	Plug and Abandon for Water Injection .....	1.5	1,800	1,200
3162.3–4(b) .....	Plug and Abandon for Water Source .....	1.5	1,800	1,200
3162.7–1(d) .....	Additional Gas Flaring .....	1	400	400
3162.5–1(c) .....	Report of Spills, Discharges, or Other Undesirable Events ..	2	400	200
3162.5–1(b) .....	Disposal of Produced Water .....	2	3,000	1,500
3162.5–1(d) .....	Contingency Plan .....	16	800	50
3162.4–1(a) and 3162.7– 5(d)(1) .....	Schematic/Facility Diagrams .....	4	9,400	2,350
3162.7–1(b) .....	Approval and Reporting of Oil in Pits .....	.5	260	520
3164.1 (Order No. 3) .....	Prepare Run Tickets .....	.2	18,000	90,000
3162.7–5(b) .....	Records on Seals .....	.2	18,000	90,000
3165.1(a) .....	Application for Suspension .....	8	800	100
3165.3(b) .....	State Director Review .....	16	1,600	100
3162.7–5(c) .....	Site Security .....	7	16,905	2,415
Totals .....	.....	.....	96,885	193,855

<sup>1</sup> Or 5% of wells.

The respondents already maintain the types of information collected for their own recordkeeping purposes and need only submit the required information. All information collections in the regulations at 43 CFR part 3160 that do not require a form are covered by this notice. BLM intends to submit these information collections collectively for approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Minerals Management Service (MMS) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Region, Proposed Use of Floating Production, Storage and Offloading Systems on the Central and Western GOM OCS

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

**ACTION:** Correction to the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and locations and dates of public hearings for the EIS on the proposed use of floating production, storage and offloading