

| 30 CFR 206 section | Reporting requirements | Burden hours per response | Annual number of responses | Annual burden hours |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Total .....        | .....                  | .....                     | 61                         | 12,431              |

<sup>1</sup> Category 1 lessees are companies with over 30 million barrels of domestic production.

<sup>2</sup> Category 2 lessees are companies with between 10 and 30 million barrels of annual domestic production.

<sup>3</sup> Category 3 lessees are companies with less than 10 million barrels of annual domestic production.

MMS is requesting OMB's approval to continue to collect this information. Not collecting the information would limit the Secretary's ability to discharge his/her duties and may also result in loss of royalty payments. Proprietary information submitted is protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour Cost"*  
Burden: We have identified no "non-hour" cost burdens.

*Comments:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides 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. Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA Section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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.

The PRA also requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting "non-hour cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We have not identified non-hour cost burdens for this information collection. If you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the

period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our ICR submission for OMB approval, including appropriate adjustments to the estimated burden. We will provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request and the ICR will also be posted on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm).

*Public Comment Policy:* We will post all comments in response to this notice on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm). We will also make copies of the comments available for public review, including names and addresses of respondents, during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request we withhold their home address from the public record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you request that we withhold your name and/or address, state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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

Dated: October 2, 2002.

**Lucy Querques Denett,**

*Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Request for Nominations for Public Members to the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for nomination.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Department of the Interior has established a Royalty Policy Committee (RPC), on the Minerals Management Advisory Board, to provide advice on the Department's management of Federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals related policies. RPC membership includes representatives from States, Indian Tribes and allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, other governmental agencies, and the interested public. Members serve 2-year terms without pay but will be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when attending official RPC meetings. Reimbursements will be calculated in accordance with the Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department. The RPC currently has one vacant public position and another due to expire at the beginning of next year. The Director, MMS, is requesting nominations to complete the RPC's public membership that allows up to four representatives. These nominations may originate from State and local governments, universities, other public organizations or individuals, and may include self-nominations. Nominees should have knowledge of the mineral and energy industry to assure sound representation of the public interest. The nomination package must include a nomination letter from an interested organization, or a self-nomination letter from an individual, outlining the candidate's qualifications including an

updated biography with mailing and email addresses. All nomination packages received will be subject to the Department's diversity policies.

**DATES:** Submit nominations on or before January 31, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit nominations to Gary Fields, Minerals Revenue Management, MMS, P.O. Box 25165, MS 300B3, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3102, fax number (303) 231-3780, e-mail: [gary.fields@mms.gov](mailto:gary.fields@mms.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Fields, Minerals Revenue Management, MMS, P.O. Box 25165, MS 300B3, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3102, fax number (303) 231-3780.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The location and dates of future Committee meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on the Internet at [http://www.rmp.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/RoyPC.htm](http://www.rmp.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/RoyPC.htm). Meetings are open to the public without advanced registration on a space available basis. The public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration. Copies of these written statements should be submitted to Gary Fields.

Committee meetings are conducted under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. appendix 1, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-63, revised.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

**Lucy Querques Denett,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Information Quality Guidelines Pursuant to Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final Information Quality Guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued guidelines in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8452), that directed Federal agencies to issue and implement guidelines to ensure and maximize the

quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of Government information disseminated to the public. In compliance with OMB's guidelines, MMS announces the availability of its final Information Quality Guidelines on its Web site.

**ADDRESSES:** You may access MMS's Information Quality Guidelines on its Web site at: <http://www.mms.gov/qualityinfo>. Our mailing address is: Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, (Attn: AD/PMI), Mail Stop 4230, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Jo Ann Lauterbach, Office of Policy and Management Improvement; telephone (202) 208-7744; Fax (202) 208-4891; e-mail: [Jo.Ann.Lauterbach@mms.gov](mailto:Jo.Ann.Lauterbach@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-554) directed OMB to issue government-wide guidelines that "provide policy and procedural guidance to Federal agencies for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by Federal agencies." OMB complied by issuing guidelines that directed each Federal agency to: (a) Issue its own guidelines; (b) establish administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to seek and obtain correction of information that does not comply with OMB's 515 guidelines; and (c) report periodically to the Director of OMB on the number and nature of complaints received by the agency regarding the accuracy of information disseminated by the agency and how such complaints were handled by the agency.

In compliance with OMB's directives, the Department of the Interior (DOI) issued draft Information Quality Guidelines in the **Federal Register** on May 24, 2002 (65 FR 26642), that instructed each bureau to prepare its own guidelines. In response to DOI's **Federal Register** Notice, MMS developed and issued draft guidelines for comment on its Web site on August 1, 2002. We received comments from one private organization. We considered their comments, and where applicable or appropriate, we incorporated them into our final guidelines.

We have now finalized our guidelines and posted them on our Web site. These guidelines are a living document and may be revised periodically to reflect changes in DOI's or MMS's policy, or as best practices emerge, about how best to address, ensure, and maximize information quality. MMS welcomes

comments on these guidelines at any time and will consider those comments in any future revisions.

Dated: October 1, 2002.

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*Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Water Management Plans

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The following Water Management Plans are available for review:

- Colusa County Water District
- Westlands Water District

To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA) and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria).

**Note:** For the purpose of this announcement, Water Management Plans (Plans) are considered the same as Water Conservation Plans. The above entities have developed a Plan, which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined to meet the requirements of these Criteria. Reclamation is publishing this notice in order to allow the public to comment on the preliminary determinations. Public comment to Reclamation's preliminary (*i.e.*, draft) determination is invited at this time.

**DATES:** All public comments must be received by November 8, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Please mail comments to Bryce White, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, or contact at 916-978-5208 (TDD 978-5608), or e-mail at [bwhite@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:bwhite@mp.usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please contact Bryce White at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are inviting the public to comment on our preliminary (*i.e.*, draft) determination of Plan adequacy. Section 3405(e) of the CVPIA (Title 34 Public Law 102-575) requires the "Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer an office on Central Valley Project water conservation best management practices