

gas is processed through a lessee-owned plant, the processing costs shall be based upon the actual plant operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation, and a reasonable return on investment. The allowance is expressed as a cost per unit of individual plant products.

Under certain circumstances lessees are authorized to deduct from royalty payments reasonable actual costs of transporting the royalty portion of produced minerals from the lease to a processing or sales point not in the immediate lease area. Transportation allowances are a part of the product valuation process which MMS uses to determine if the lessee is reporting and paying the proper royalty amount.

Lessees of Indian leases submitting allowance forms may take deductions from royalties due. Regulations at 30 CFR 212 require revenue payors to make and retain accurate and complete records necessary to demonstrate the accuracy of royalty payments. Failure to collect this information could result in undervaluing leased minerals and render it impossible for us to fulfill our trust responsibilities to Indians for their leases. Without such information, we cannot evaluate the correctness of values or allowances reported and claimed.

Small organizations are among the potential respondents. We have carefully analyzed requirements to ensure that the information requested is the minimum necessary and places the least possible burden on industry. There are no special reporting provisions for small organizations. We provide toll-free telephone assistance upon request and annually schedule product valuation training in addition to other RMP training sessions offered throughout the year.

The Federal government spends about 16 hours reviewing all categories of allowance proposals. The categories involve whether or not a contract is arm's-length or non-arm's-length and involve a request for a transportation or processing allowance or both. Using a cost estimate of \$35 per hour, our annual cost is \$560.

Sixty-five Indian lease lessees submit about 3,000 allowance data lines annually. Lessees may be involved in more than one type of allowance proposal and can complete an allowance data line in about 1/4 hour. The annual industry burden estimate is 750 burden hours (3,000 allowance data lines \times 1/4 hour per line). Using an estimate of \$35 per hour, the annual cost burden to industry is \$26,250.

The burden currently associated with this information collection is 16,153 hours. However, we now estimate the burden at 750 hours. The decrease in burden hours is due to our amending valuation regulations on transportation, processing, and washing allowance deductions used to calculate royalties due on Federal oil and gas, and coal leases (61 FR 5448, Feb. 12, 1996). The amended valuation regulations eliminate allowance forms-filing requirements and associated sanctions for lessees of Federal leases only.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Identification, Criminal Justice Information Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review: Number of Full-Time Law Enforcement Employees as of October 31.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 15, 1997.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to SSA Paul J. Gans (phone number and address listed below). If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact SSA Paul J. Gans, 304 625-4830, FBI, CJIS, Statistical Unit, P.O. Box 4142, Clarksburg, WV 26302-9921. Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of information collection: Extension of Current Collection.

(2) The title of the form/collection: Number of Full-Time Law Enforcement Employees as of October 31.

(3) The agency form number, if any, and applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. Form: I-711A/I-711B/7-711C. Federal Bureau of Identification, Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as brief abstract. Primary: State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. This collection is needed to determine the number of civilian and sworn full-time law enforcement employees in the United States. Data is tabulated and published in the annual "CRIME in the United States."

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 17,125 agencies; 17,125 responses; and with an average completion time of 8 minutes a year per responding agency.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with this collection: 2,286 hours annually.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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