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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Deep Seabed Mining Regulations for Exploration Licenses.

*Agency Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0145.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

*Burden:* 40 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 2.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 20 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Resources Act authorizes NOAA to issue licenses for exploration of deep seabed hard mineral resources. The statute is very specific as to what is expected of an exploration licensee and certain determinations must be made by NOAA before a license can be granted. After the license is granted, NOAA monitors the licensees closely to determine if there have been environmental effects from the exploration. Without this information, NOAA would be unable to determine if the statutory requirements continue to be met after the license is issued.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census 2000 Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) Independent Listing Operation Activities

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Magdalena Ramos, Bureau of the Census, Room 2126A/SFC2, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 457-4295.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Bureau of the Census developed the Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) approach for measuring coverage of the population in the decennial census. In PES, we independently count a sample of housing units and the people living in those units, then compare those results to the census. We then use this comparative information to produce final estimates of the coverage for Census 2000. The PES approach was tested during the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal. The Independent Listing Operation is the first step in the PES process. It will be conducted to obtain a complete housing unit inventory of all addresses within the Census 2000 PES sample of block clusters before the Census 2000 enumeration commences. The Independent Listing will undergo a quality assurance operation to ensure

that the work performed is of acceptable quality and to verify that the correct blocks were visited. There will be two Independent Listing forms, D-1302 and D-1302PR. The D-1302 is the English language version of the listing form and will be used in the PES sample areas except in Puerto Rico. The D-1302PR is the Spanish language version of the listing form and will be used only in the PES sample areas in Puerto Rico.

The Independent Listing will be matched to the address list used in the census; the unmatched cases will be sent to the field for reconciliation during the next phase of the PES, Housing Unit Follow-up. The forms and procedures to be used in the Housing Unit Follow-up phase of the PES in the Census 2000 and all subsequent PES phases will be submitted separately.

##### II. Method of Collection

Person to person interview.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* Not available.

*Form Number:* D-1302 and D-1302PR.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,046,700 Housing units (HUs).

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Total = 71,634 Hours.

Independent Listing = 68,223 hrs (2 min. × 2,046,700 HUs).

Independent Listing QA = 3,411 hrs (2 min. × 102,335 HUs).

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* No cost to the respondent except for their time to respond.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, U.S. Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221.

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or