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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary; Invitation for Proposals

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary.

**SUMMARY:** The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council is asking the public, private organizations, and government agencies to submit proposals for restoration of resources and services injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The Invitation to Submit Restoration Proposals for Federal Fiscal Year 2001, a booklet explaining the process, is available from the Trustee Council office.

**DATES:** Proposals are due April 14, 2000, at 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, 645 "G" Street, Suite 401, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Restoration Office, (907) 278-8012 or toll free at (800) 478-7745 (in Alaska) or (800) 283-7745 (outside Alaska) or via e-mail at restoration@oilspill.state.ak.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Following the Exxon Valdez oil spill in March 1989, a Trustee Council of three state and three federal trustees, including the Secretary of the Interior, was formed. The Trustee Council prepared a restoration plan for the injured resources and services within the oil spill area. The restoration plan calls for annual work plans identifying projects to accomplish restoration. Each year proposals for restoration projects are solicited from a variety of organizations, including the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group.

**DATES:** March 15, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Fourth floor conference room, 645 "G" Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Public Advisory Group was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The agenda will include discussions about the draft Gulf Ecosystem Monitoring plan and the role of the Public Advisory Group.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0049).

**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. We intend to submit this collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. 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 OMB control number.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by April 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must 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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collection of information at no cost.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* 30 CFR 250, Subpart B, Exploration and Development and Production Plans (1010-0049).

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS, consistent with the need to 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 environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Sections 11 and 25 of the amended OCS Lands Act require the holders of OCS oil and gas and sulphur leases to submit exploration plans (EPs) and development and production plans (DPPs) for approval prior to commencing these activities. The implementing regulations and associated information collection