

with the required 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this ICR on February 23, 2000 (65 FR 8987).  
*Frequency:* On occasion or annual.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulphur lessees and 52 training schools.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 2,300 burden hours. Refer to the following chart.

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart O	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Number	Burden hours	Annual burden hours
1508	Request exceptions (departures) to training requirements.	15 exceptions	.25	14
1512	Request approval of alternative training program	4 alternative programs	100	400
1515	Apply to MMS for training program accreditation renewal.	14 renewal accreditations	46	644
1516	Apply to MMS for approval of new training program accreditation.	7 new programs	100	700
1504; 1517(c), (d), (j), (k)	Supply trainees with various documents, manuals, course updates, and certificates of training.	Supplying these documents is usual/customary practice for a training situation		0
1517(h)	Furnish MMS personnel a copy of training program and plan during onsite review.	These documents would be readily available.		0
1517(i)	Submit annual course schedule and changes to MMS.	48 schedules	8	384
1517(l)	Send MMS letter and course roster at the completion of each course.	2,100 letters/rosters	.08	168
<b>Reporting Total</b>		<b>2,188 Responses</b>		<b>2,300</b>
1503	Provide drilling and well-completion/ well-workover floorhands job site well-control drill; record in driller and operations logs.	Training drills are conducted as part of regularly scheduled drills required by subparts D, E, or F; burdens included in 1010-0053, 1010-0057, & 1010-0043		0
1517(a)	Retain records for each trainee for 5 years	Training organizations maintain records as usual/customary business practice. Although some might retain records for less than 5 years, once the documentation is recorded and filed, no additional burden for longer retention as verified by the organizations consulted.		0
517(b)	Retain records of training program for 5 years			0
<b>Recordkeeping Total</b>				<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rounded.

*Estimated Annual Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* We have identified no non-hour cost burdens for this collection.

*Comments:* All comments are made a part of the public record. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA 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.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the addresses section of this notice. The OMB has up

to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by July 17, 2000.

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

Dated: May 4, 2000.  
**John V. Mirabella,**  
*Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB control number 1010-0137).

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are submitting to OMB for review and approval an information collection request (ICR) titled Historical Well Data Cleanup (HWDC) Project. We are also soliciting comments from the public on this ICR.

**DATE:** Submit written comments by July 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0137), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Mail or hand carry a copy of your 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 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. For information on results of workshops held to discuss the Historical Well Data Cleanup Project, contact Warren Frederick, Gulf of Mexico Region, telephone (504) 736-2562.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Historical Well Data Cleanup (HWDC) Project.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0137.

*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; preserve and maintain free enterprise competition; and ensure that the extent of oil and natural gas resources of the OCS is assessed at the earliest practicable time. Section 1332(6) of the OCS Lands Act states that "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well-trained personnel using technology, precautions, and techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstruction to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property, or endanger life or health."

On February 4, 2000, the OMB approved our request under emergency processing procedures to issue

Addendum 2 to NTL No. 98-29 to begin this project. Emergency processing permits the collection of information for 180 days. As the project is expected to last for several years, this Notice informs you that we have requested approval for a 3-year extension of this information collection.

The information collected is missing data for wellbores that MMS has not assigned API numbers and other well data discovered as missing while completing the well database cleanup project. We are not able to accurately manage and utilize data from drilling operations without the information for the missing wells. We will use the information to identify other well data (e.g., logs, surveys, tests) missing from our records, geologically map existing MMS data to the correct wellbore/location, and correctly exchange information with the operators and industry. Our geoscientists can use the information to evaluate resources for lease sales for fair market value. With respect to safety concerns, we believe that there may be anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 unidentified completed and/or abandoned wellbores (bypasses and sidetracks), some of which may contain stuck drill pipe or other materials. In approving permits and other operations in an area, it is important for us and the operators/lessees to know what may be adjacent to or near the vicinity of the activity we are approving to minimize the risk of blowouts, loss of well control, and endangerment to life, health, and the environment. This is particularly important as, over the years, the number of wells drilled constantly increases, thereby increasing the risk to adjacent activities if they are not aware of what might be in the area.

As announced in a "Special Information" release on February 2, 2000, we held two half-day workshops to share HWDC contract goals with the Gulf of Mexico OCS oil and gas industry and their services company vendors and contractors. The workshops were held in Houston and New Orleans on February 17 and 23, 2000. For further information on the results of these workshops, you may contact Warren Frederick at (504) 736-2562.

We will protect information respondents submit that is considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and 30 CFR 250.196, "Data and information to be made available to the public." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

*Frequency:* The frequency of reporting is on occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulphur lessees.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 90,000 reporting hours for approximately 40,000 wells, based on:

(1) ¼ hour to locate and copy a summary of drilling operations (e.g. scout tickets) for each well.

(2) 2 hours to retrieve and analyze each well file and retrieve other missing data. There are no recordkeeping requirements.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

*Comments:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) 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. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA 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.

We published a **Federal Register** notice with the required 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this ICR on March 3, 2000 (65 FR 11600). We received no comments in response to that notice. If you wish to comment in response to this notice, send your comments directly to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by July 17, 2000.

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

Dated: May 10, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB control number 1010-0050).

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are submitting to OMB for review and approval an information collection request (ICR), titled "30 CFR 250, Subpart J—Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way." We are also soliciting comments from the public on this ICR.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by July 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0050), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Mail or hand carry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

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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 part 250, Subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way (1010-0050).

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1334(e), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to grant rights-of-way through the submerged lands of the OCS for pipelines "\* \* \* for the transportation of oil, natural gas, sulphur, or other minerals, or under such regulations and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary, \* \* \* including (as provided in section 1347(b) of this title) assuring maximum environmental protection by utilization of the best available and safest technologies, including the safest practices for pipeline burial. \* \* \*" This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to MMS. To carry out these responsibilities, MMS issues regulations governing oil and gas or sulphur operations in the OCS. In addition, MMS issues Notices to Lessees and Operators to supplement regulations to provide guidance and clarification.

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 (IOAA), 31 U.S.C. 9701, authorizes Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that provide special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior's (DOI) policy implementing the IOAA, MMS is required to charge the full cost for services that provide special benefits or privileges to an identifiable non-Federal recipient above and beyond those which accrue to the public at large. Pipeline rights-of-way and assignments are subject to cost recovery, and MMS regulations specify filing fees for applications.

OMB has approved the information collection requirements in current subpart J regulations under control numbers 1010-0050 and 1010-0108. The first is the primary collection for subpart J. The latter was approved in connection with a final rule amending § 250.1000(c) to implement a provision of the new Memorandum of Understanding between DOI and the Department of Transportation (DOT). Our submission will consolidate these two subpart J collections under 1010-0050.

The pipelines are designed by the lessees and transmission companies that install, maintain, and operate them. To ensure those activities are performed in a safe manner, MMS needs information

concerning the proposed pipeline and safety equipment, inspections and tests, and natural and manmade hazards near the proposed pipeline route. The information collected under subpart J is used by MMS field offices to review pipeline designs prior to approving an application for a right-of-way or a pipeline permitted under a lease. The records concerning pipeline inspections and tests are monitored by MMS inspectors to ensure safety of operations and protection of the environment. Specifically, MMS uses the information to:

- Monitor schedules for pipeline construction, installation, and tests to enable MMS personnel to schedule their workload to permit the witnessing of these operations to ensure safety and environmental protection.

- Review applications for pipeline permits and rights-of-way and pipeline construction reports to ensure that the pipeline, as constructed, will provide for safe transportation of minerals through the submerged lands of the OCS.

- Review applications for pipeline rights-of-way for compliance with applicable rules and other legal and administrative requirements for the granting of a pipeline right-of-way.

- Review proposed routes of a right-of-way to ensure that the right-of-way, if granted, would not conflict with any State requirements or unduly interfere with other OCS activities.

- Review pipeline repair procedures to ensure that the lessee takes appropriate safety and pollution-prevention measures.

- Review plans for taking pipeline safety equipment out of service to ensure alternate measures are used that will properly provide for the safety of the pipeline and associated facilities (platform, etc.).

- Review reports on findings of historical or potential archeological significance to ensure that such resources are protected.

- Review notification of relinquishment of a right-of-way grant to ensure that all legal obligations are met and that a pipeline will be abandoned properly.

- Determine the point at which DOI or DOT has regulatory responsibility for a pipeline and to be informed of the responsible operator if not the same as the right-of-way holder.

This collection of information does not require respondents to submit proprietary information. If such were submitted, we will protect it under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2) and 30 CFR 250.196. No