**BURDEN BREAKDOWN—Continued**

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<th>Citation 30 CFR part 256</th>
<th>Reporting requirement</th>
<th>Annual number</th>
<th>Burden hour(s) per response</th>
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<td>256.53(c), (d), (f); 256.54(d)(3).</td>
<td>Demonstrate ability to carry out present and future financial obligations, request approval of another form of security, or request reduction in amount of supplemental bond required.</td>
<td>162 submissions</td>
<td>2 1/2</td>
<td>405</td>
<td>$100 = $40,500</td>
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<td>256.55(b)</td>
<td>Notify MMS of action filed alleging lessee, surety, or guarantor is insolvent or bankrupt.</td>
<td>2 notices</td>
<td>1/2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$100 = $100</td>
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<td>256.56</td>
<td>Provide plan to fund lease-specific abandonment account and related information; request approval to withdraw funds.</td>
<td>4 submissions</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>$50 = $2,200</td>
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<td>256.57</td>
<td>Provide third-party guarantee, indemnity agreement, related notices, and annual update.</td>
<td>12 submissions</td>
<td>16 1/2</td>
<td>198</td>
<td>$50 = $9,900</td>
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<td>256.57(d)(3), 256.58.</td>
<td>Notice of and request approval to terminate period of liability, cancel bond, or other security.</td>
<td>280 requests</td>
<td>1/2</td>
<td>140</td>
<td>$50 = $7,000</td>
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<td>256.59(c)(2) ...</td>
<td>Provide information to demonstrate lease will be brought into compliance.</td>
<td>3 responses</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>$50 = $2,100</td>
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<td>Subpart J: 256.62, 256.64, 256.65, 256.67.</td>
<td>File application for assignment or transfer for approval.</td>
<td>1,845 applications</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1,845</td>
<td>$50 = $92,250</td>
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<td>256.64(a)(7) ...</td>
<td>File required instruments creating or transferring working interests, etc., for record purposes.</td>
<td>2,915 filings</td>
<td>1/2</td>
<td>1,458</td>
<td>$50 = $72,900</td>
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<td>256.64(a)(8) ...</td>
<td>Submit non-required documents for record purposes which respondents want MMS to file with the lease document.</td>
<td>Accepted on behalf of lesssees as a service, but MMS does not require nor need the filings.</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Subpart K: 256.76 ...</td>
<td>Total Reporting</td>
<td>File written request for relinquishment</td>
<td>305 relinquishments</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>305</td>
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*Rounded.*

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost”

Burden: The estimated “non-hour cost” burden for this information collection is a total of $414,450. This cost burden is for filing fees associated with submitting requests for approval of instruments of transfer ($185 per application) or to file non-required documents for record purposes ($25 per filing) according to § 256.64(a)(8).

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.

To comply with the public consultation process, on October 11, 2000, we published a Federal Register notice (65 FR 60449) with the required 60-day comment period announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. In addition, § 256.0 and the PRA statement on the MMS forms display the OMB control number, specify that the public may comment at anytime on the collection of information required in the 30 CFR part 256 regulations and forms, and provide the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to those efforts. We also consulted with several respondents and adjusted some of the information collection burdens as a result of those consultations. 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 March 9, 2001.

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


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request renewed approval for the collection of information on Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans, 30 CFR part 784.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by April 9, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or submit electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted two requests to OMB to renew its approval for the collections of information found at 30 CFR parts 702 and 850. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for these information collection activities.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), Federal Register notices soliciting comments on the collection of information for Part 702 was published on November 7, 2000 (65 FR 66764; and on November 2, 2000 (65 FR 65879) for Part 850. No comments were received from either notice. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activities:

Title: Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals, 30 CFR part 702.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0089.

Summary: This part implements the requirement in section 701(28) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), which grants an exemption to operators extracting not more than 16½ percentage tonnage of coal incidental to the extraction of other minerals. This information will be used by the regulatory authorities to make that determination.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once and annually thereafter.

Description of Respondents: Producers of coal and other minerals.

Total Annual Responses: 61.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 513.