

Section	Reporting or record keeping requirement	Burden hours per response	Annual number of responses	Annual burden hours
220.031(b)	Beginning with the first month in which production revenues are credited to the NPSL capital account, each lessee * * * shall file a report for each NPSL, not later than 60 days following the end of each month.	16	1 204	3,264
220.031(d)	Each lessee * * * shall file a report not later than 90 days after each inventory is taken * * *.	8	22	176
220.031(e)	Each lessee * * * shall file a final report, not later than 60 days following the cessation of production * * *.	2	22	44
220.033(b)(1)	When non-operators of an NPSL lease call an audit in accordance with the terms of their operating agreement, the Director shall be notified of the audit call * * *.	2	22	44
220.033(b)(2)	If DOI determines to call for an audit, DOI shall notify the lessee of its audit call and set a time and place for the audit * * * The lessee shall send copies of the notice to the non-operators on the lease.	2	22	44
Total	319	3,674

¹ 17 leases x 12 months.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-hour Cost” Burden: We have identified no “non-hour” cost burdens.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) 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 February 19, 2002, we published a **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 7394) with the required 60-day comment period announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. We did not receive any comments. We have posted a copy of the ICR at our Internet Web site http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm. We will also provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, please 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 your comments by August 12, 2002. The 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.

Public Comment Policy. We will post all comments received in response to this notice on our Internet Web site at http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/InfoColl/InfoColCom.htm for public review. We also make copies of the comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado.

Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the public record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent’s identity, as allowable by 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.

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

Dated: June 21, 2002.

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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 1010–0068).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 250, subpart M, Unitization, and related documents. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

DATES: Submit written comments by August 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0068), 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. If you wish to e-mail comments to MMS, the e-mail address is: rules.comments@MMS.gov. Reference Information Collection 1010-0068 in your e-mail subject line. Include your name and return address in your e-mail message and mark your message for return receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, at (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy at no cost of the regulations and model unitization agreements that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart M, Unitization.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0068.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner which is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's

energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Section 1334(a) of the OCS Lands Act specifies that the Secretary prescribe rules and regulations "to provide for the prevention of waste and conservation of the natural resources of the (O)uter Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein" and include provisions "for unitization, pooling, and drilling agreements." To carry out these responsibilities, the Secretary has authorized MMS to issue orders and regulations governing offshore oil and gas lease operations.

This notice concerns the paperwork requirements of 30 CFR part 250, subpart M, Unitization, and related documents. Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. MMS will protect proprietary information according to 30 CFR 250.196 (Data and information to be made available to the public), 30 CFR part 252 (OCS Oil and Gas Information Program), and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2). MMS OCS Regions use the information to determine whether to approve a proposal to enter into an agreement to unitize operations under two or more leases or to approve modifications when circumstances change. The information is necessary to ensure that operations will result in preventing waste, conserving natural

resources, and protecting correlative rights, including the Government's interests. We also use information submitted to determine competitiveness of a reservoir or to decide that compelling unitization will achieve these results.

Please note, 30 CFR 250.1303 states that "MMS will maintain and provide a model unit agreement for you to follow." Upon a recent review of the two current models, it was noted that they specified submission of "four copies" of operator designations. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, we have determined that only "two copies" are necessary and have revised the models to reduce the copy requirements. Copies of the model unit agreements are posted at the MMS Web site: <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/pd/unitization.html>.

Frequency: The frequency of reporting is on occasion.

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

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The estimated annual "hour" burden for this information collection is a total of 5,396 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. There are no recordkeeping requirements under 30 CFR part 250, subpart M. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

BURDEN BREAKDOWN

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart M	Reporting requirement	Burden per requirement	Average annual responses	Annual burden hours
1301	General description of requirements	Burden included in following sections.		0
1301(f)(3), (g)(1)	Request suspension of production or operations.	Burden covered in 1010-0114		0
1302(b)	Request preliminary determination on competitive reservoir.	36 hours	1 request	36
1302(b)	Submit concurrence or objection on competitiveness with supporting evidence.	36 hours	1 request	36
1302(c), (d)	Submit joint plan of operations or separate plan if agreement cannot be reached.	36 hours	1 plan	36
1303	Apply for voluntary unitization, including submitting unit agreement, unit operating agreement, initial plan of operation, and supporting data; request for variance from model agreement.	144 hours	14 applications/plans	2,016
1304(b)	Request compulsory unitization, including submitting unit agreement, unit operating agreement, initial plan of operation, and supporting data; serving non-consenting lessees with documents.	144 hours	1 request	144

BURDEN BREAKDOWN—Continued

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart M	Reporting requirement	Burden per requirement	Average annual responses	Annual burden hours
1303; 1304	*Submit revisions or modifications to unit agreement, unit operating agreement, plan of operation, change of unit operator, etc.	6 hours	285 revisions/modifications.	1,710
1303; 1304	*Submit initial, and revisions to, participating area.	48 hours	24 submissions	1,152
1304(d)	Request hearing on required unitization ...	1 hour	1 request	1
1304(e)	Submit statement at hearing on compulsory unitization.	4 hours	1 statement	4
1304(e)	Submit three copies of verbatim transcript of hearing.	1 hour	1 submission	1
1304(f)	Appeal final order of compulsory under unitization.	Burden covered 1010-0121		0
1300-1304	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart M regulations.	2 hours	130 requests	260
Total Hour Burden	460	5,396

* These requirements are specified in each Unit Agreement.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: Section 250.1304(d) provides an opportunity for parties notified of compulsory unitization to request a hearing. Section 250.1304(e) requires the party seeking the compulsory unitization to pay for the court reporter and three copies of the verbatim transcript of the hearing. It should be noted there have been no such hearings in the recent past, and none are expected in the near future. We estimate the paperwork cost burden would be less than \$250.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) 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 March 28, 2002, we published a **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 14968) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, 30 CFR 250.199 provides the OMB control numbers for the information collection requirements imposed by the regulations and forms. That regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to these efforts.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your comments to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. 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 August 12, 2002.

Public Comment Policy: 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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 2221-02]

Meeting on Proposed Safe Third Country Agreement With Canada for Asylum Seekers

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) and the Department of State (DOS) are engaged in formal negotiations with the Canadian government to enter into an agreement that would limit the access of asylum seekers, under appropriate circumstances, to the system of only one of the two countries (safe third-country agreement). The purpose of this notice