

These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management. The lands we surveyed are:

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and subdivision of sections 19, 30, and 31, the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and subdivision of sections 19 and 31, and the further subdivision of section 30, in T. 3 S., R. 35 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted January 29, 2003.

The plats representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, 1892 meanders of the right bank of the Blackfoot River in section 18, the subdivision of sections 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19, and the survey of the 2000–2002 meanders and informative traverse of the Blackfoot River, the north boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, portions of the 2000–2002 median line of the Blackfoot River, all in sections 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19, partition lines in section 18, and a metes-and-bounds survey of fee land in section 9, in T. 3 S., R. 35 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted February 10, 2003.

Dated: April 1, 2003.

**Duane E. Olsen,**

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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 an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010–0088).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) is titled “30 CFR Part 227, Delegation to States.”

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before June 9, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A–614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also email your comments to us at [mrm.comments@mms.gov](mailto:mrm.comments@mms.gov). Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the “Attention” line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation we have received your email, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231–3211.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231–3211, FAX (303) 231–3385 or email [sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov](mailto:sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* 30 CFR Part 227, Delegation to States.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010–0088.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands, collect the royalties due, and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out DOI’s Indian trust responsibility.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA), Public Law 104–185, as corrected by Public Law 104–200, amends the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* Prior to enactment of RSFA, section 205 of FOGRMA, 30 U.S.C. 1735, provided for the delegation of audits, inspections, and investigations to the States. RSFA amendments to section 205 of FOGRMA provided that other Federal royalty

management functions may also be delegated to requesting States. RSFA authorized the following Federal royalty management functions to States:

- a. Conducting audits and investigations;
- b. Receiving and processing production and royalty reports;
- c. Correcting erroneous report data;
- d. Performing automated verification; and
- e. Issuing demands, subpoenas (except for solid mineral and geothermal leases), orders to perform restructured accounting, and related tolling agreements and notices to lessees or their designees.

Currently, 10 States have delegation agreements to perform audits and investigations, which is the same function previously authorized under FOGRMA in 1982. Since the passage of RSFA and publication of the final rule on August 12, 1997, no States have proposed a delegation agreement to assume the four additional functions authorized by RSFA. When a State performs any of the delegated functions under the 30 CFR part 227 regulations, the State also assumes the burden of providing various types of information to MMS. This information, provided to MMS in the course of performing the work of the delegated functions, is the focus of this information collection.

The requirement to respond is mandatory. If a State were to perform the function of processing royalty and production reports, that State would submit proprietary data to MMS, and both the State and MMS are required to safeguard and protect proprietary data. No items of a sensitive nature are collected.

*Frequency of Response:* Depending on the function being performed, information can be daily, monthly, quarterly, or annually.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 10 States currently have delegation agreements to do audits and investigations. We estimated that one State per year may request to perform the four additional functions authorized by RSFA.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden:* 4,179 hours.

The following chart shows the breakdown of the estimated burden hours by CFR section and paragraph:

## STATE RESPONDENT ANNUAL BURDEN HOUR CHART

30 CFR section	Reporting requirement	Burden hours per response	Annual number of responses	Annual burden hours
227.103; 227.107; 227.109; 227.110(a), (b)(1) and (2), (c), (d), and (e); 227.111(a) and (b); 227.805.	If you want MMS to delegate royalty performed management functions to you, then you must submit a delegation proposal to the MMS Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management. MMS may extend the 90-day period with your written consent. You may submit a new delegation proposal at any time following a the denial * * * and upon request, [MMS] will send a copy of the delegation proposals to trade associations to distribute to their members * * * You may ask MMS to renew the delegation for an additional 3 years no less than 6 months before your 3-year delegation agreement expires. You must submit your renewal request to the MMS Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management * * * You may submit a new renewal request any time after denial. After the 3-year renewal period for your delegation agreement ends, if you wish to continue performing one or more delegated functions, you must request a new delegation agreement from MMS * * * If you do not request a hearing * * * any other affected person may submit a written request for a hearing to the MMS Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management. Before the agreement expires, if you wish to continue to perform one or more of the delegated functions you performed under the expired agreement, you must request a new delegation agreement meeting the requirements of this part and the applicable standards. If you want perform to royalty management functions in addition to those authorized under your existing agreement you must request a new delegation * * * After yur delegation agreement is terminated, you may apply again for delegation by beginning with the proposal process under this part.	200	3	600
227.112(d) and (e) .....	At a minimum, you must provide vouchers detailing your expenditures quarterly during the fiscal year; You must maintain adequate books and records to support your vouchers.	4	80	320
227.200(a), (b)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5); (c), and (d).	* * * You must seek information or guidance from MMS regarding new, complex, or unique issues. Provide complete disclosure of financial results of activities; Maintain correct and accurate records of all mineral-related transactions and accounts; Maintain effective controls and accountability; Maintain effective system of accounts * * * Maintain adequate royalty and production information * * * Assist MMS in meeting the requirements of * * * GPRA; Maintain all records you obtain or create * * *.	200	10	2,000
227.200(e) and (h); 227.801(a); 227.804.	Provide months prior reports to MMS about your to activities under your delegated functions (progress reports) * * * you must provide periodic statistical reports to MMS summarizing the activities you carried out * * * Help MMS respond to requests for information from other Federal agencies, Congress, and the public * * * You may ask MMS for an extension of time to comply with the notice. In your extension request you must explain why you need more time * * * You may request MMS to terminate your delegation at any time by submitting your written notice of intent 6 months prior to the date on which you want to terminate * * *.	3	80	240
227.200(f); 227.401(e) 227.601 (d).	Assist MMS in maintaining adequate reference, royalty, and production databases; access well, lease, agreement, and reporter reference data from MMS, and provide updated information to MMS. * * * Access well, lease, agreement, and production reporter or royalty reporter reference data from MMS and provide updated information to MMS * * *.	.5	250	125
227.200(g) .....	Develop annual work plans * * * .....	60	10	600
227.400(a) (4), (6) 227.401 (d).	If you request delegation of either production report or royalty report processing functions, you must perform * * * timely transmitting production report or royalty report data to MMS and other affected Federal agencies * * * Providing production data or royalty data to MMS and other affected Federal agencies * * * Timely transmit required production or royalty data to MMS and other affected Federal agencies * * *.	.5	250	125
7.400(c)	You must provide MMS with a copy of any exceptions from reporting and payment requirements for marginal properties and any alternative royalty and payment requirements for unit agreements and communitization agreements you approve.	20	1	20
227.501(c) .....	Submit accepted and corrected lines to MMS to allow processing in a timely manner * * *.	.5	250	125

## STATE RESPONDENT ANNUAL BURDEN HOUR CHART—Continued

30 CFR section	Reporting requirement	Burden hours per response	Annual number of responses	Annual burden hours
227.601(c) .....	To perform automated verification or production reports or royalty reports, you must: Maintain all documentation and logging procedures * * *.	2	12	24
Total .....	.....	.....	946	4,179

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-hour Cost”*

**Burden:** The non-hour cost burden for one State to assume the four additional functions authorized by RSFA is estimated at \$60,000 for electronic processing and imaging capability.

**Comments:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides 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. Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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.

The PRA also requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting non-hour cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. The non-hour cost burden for one State to assume the four additional functions authorized by RSFA is estimated at \$60,000 for electronic processing and imaging capability. If you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs

include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our ICR submission for OMB approval, including appropriate adjustments to the estimated burden. We will provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request, and the ICR will also be posted on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm).

**Public Comment Policy:** We will post all comments in response to this notice on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm). We will also make copies of the comments available for public review, including names and addresses of respondents, during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request 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 rulemaking record a respondent’s identity, as allowable by law. If you request that we withhold your name and/or address, 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: April 2, 2003.

**Lucy Querques Denett,**

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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 an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB control number 1010-0129).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) is titled “Royalty-in-Kind Pilot Program “ Offers, Financial Statements and Surety Instruments for Sales of Royalty Oil and Gas.”

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before June 9, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also email your comments to us at [mrm.comments@mms.gov](mailto:mrm.comments@mms.gov). Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the “Attention” line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation we have received your email, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.