

regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Industrial Minerals Surveys.

Current OMB approval number: 1028-0062.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production and consumption data on nonfuel mineral commodities. This information will be published as monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and annual reports for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form number: Various (41 forms).

Frequency: Monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and annual.

Description of respondents: Producers and consumers of industrial minerals.

Annual responses: 18,437.

Annual burden hours: 12,782.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Patent, Trademark & Copyright Acts

AGENCY: Geological Survey

ACTION: Notice of prospective intent to award exclusive license.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating the award of an exclusive license to: Besst, Inc., of Larkspur, CA, on U.S. Patent Nos. 6,131,451 and 6,164,127, both entitled "Well Flowmeter and Down-Hole Sample."

INQUIRIES: If other parties are interested in similar activities, or have comments relating to the prospective award, please contact Neil Mark, USGS, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 500, Reston, VA

20192, phone (703) 648-4344, fax (703) 648-4706, or email nmark@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is submitted to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 208 *et seq.*

Dated: June 10, 2003.

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Staff Assistant to Associate Director for Water.

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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 an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0087).

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 228—Cooperative Activities with States and Indian Tribes. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements. The ICR is titled "30 CFR Part 228 Cooperative Activities with States and Indian Tribes.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before September 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments either by fax (202) 395-5806 or e-mail (Ruth.Solomon@omb.eop.gov) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0087). Mail or hand-carry a copy of your 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt by telephone (303) 231-3211 or fax (303) 231-3781. You may also contact Sharron Gebhardt to obtain a copy at no cost of the

regulations that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 228—Cooperative Activities with States and Indian Tribes.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0087.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 1923) and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1353) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals, and distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary 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 Secretary of the Interior is authorized by Public Law 97-451, the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1732, and 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* to enter into cooperative agreements using the capabilities of tribes to carry out royalty audits and related investigation and enforcement activities. The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA), Public Law 104-185, as corrected by Public Law 104-200, amended FOGRMA and essentially limited 30 CFR Part 228 to Indian tribes. As noted under 30 CFR Part 228.3, this part does not apply to Federal lands. Federal lands are audited by States under the provisions of 30 CFR Part 227, Delegation to States. Cooperative agreements benefit both MMS and Indian tribes by helping to ensure proper product valuation, correct and timely production reporting, and correct and timely royalty payment through the application of an aggressive and comprehensive audit program. To be considered for a cooperative agreement, Indian tribes must comply with the regulations at 30 CFR Part 228 by submitting a written request to the Director, MMS, and preparing a proposal that details the work to be done.

Currently, eight Indian tribes have cooperative audit agreements to perform audits and investigations. When an Indian tribe performs any of the