

in the preparation and implementation of the CCNCA Resource Management Plan.

The CCNCA Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at the Mesa County Administration Building; 544 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction, CO, beginning at 3 p.m. The agenda topics for this meeting are:

- (1) The re-election of council officials;
- (2) CCNCA Resource Management Plan implementation and monitoring strategy;
- (3) Budgetary requirements for upcoming fiscal years;
- (4) Development of Limits of Acceptable change to be used in the CCNCA monitoring strategy;
- (5) Public comment period;
- (6) Agenda for next meeting.

Beginning April 2004 the CCNCA Advisory Council meetings will be held monthly on the first Wednesday of every other month at the same time and location. The dates for these meetings are April 7, 2004; June 2, 2004; August 4, 2004; October 6, 2004; and December 1, 2004.

Topics of discussion for future meetings will include completion of the proposed resource management plan and Record of Decision, development of limits of acceptable change to be used in the CCNCA monitoring strategy, partnerships, interpretation, adaptive management, socioeconomic, and other issues as appropriate.

All meetings will be open to the public and will include a time set aside for public comment. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements at any meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of all Council meetings will be maintained at the Bureau of Land Management Office in Grand Junction, Colorado. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. In addition, minutes and other information concerning the CCNCA Advisory Council, can be obtained from the CCNCA Web site at: <http://www.co.blm.gov/gjra/ccnca/ccncahome.htm>, which will be updated following each Advisory Council meeting.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

Greg Gnesios,

Manager, Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area.

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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 extension of an information collection (1010-0067).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is 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) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under "30 CFR 250, Subpart E, Oil and Gas Well-Completion Operations."

DATES: Submit written comments by April 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand carry 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, the address is: rules.comments@mms.gov. Reference "Information Collection 1010-0067" in your e-mail subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart E, Oil and Gas Well-Completion.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0067.

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 that 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 1332(6) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332) requires 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." This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to MMS. To carry out these responsibilities, MMS issues regulations governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the OCS. This collection of information addresses 30 CFR part 250, subpart E, Oil and Gas Well-Completion Operations.

The MMS district supervisors analyze and evaluate the information and data collected under subpart E to ensure that planned well-completion operations will protect personnel safety and natural resources. They use the analysis and evaluation results in the decision to approve, disapprove, or require modification to the proposed well-completion operations. Specifically, MMS uses the information to ensure: (a) Compliance with personnel safety training requirements; (b) crown block safety device is operating and can be expected to function to avoid accidents; (c) proposed operation of the annular preventer is technically correct and provides adequate protection for personnel, property, and natural resources; (d) well-completion operations are conducted on well casings that are structurally competent; and (e) sustained casing pressures are within acceptable limits.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 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 varies by section, but is mostly "on occasion" or annually.

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

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 9,520 hours.

The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. 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.

| Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart E & NTL Sec. | Reporting & recordkeeping (R/K) requirement | Hour burden |
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| 502 | Request approval not to shut-in well during equipment movement | 1 hour. |
| 502 | Notify MMS of well-completion rig movement on or off platform or from well to well on same covered under platform form MMS-144. | Burden covered under 1010-0150. |
| 505; 513; 515(a); 516(g), (j); NTL I.C, III.B. | Submit forms MMS-123, MMS-124, MMS-125 for various approvals, including remediation procedure for SCP. | Burden covered under 1010-0044, 1010-0045, 1010-0046. |
| 512 | Request field well-completion rules be established and canceled (on occasion, however, there have been no requests in many years). | 1 hour. |
| 515(a) | Submit well-control procedure | 1 hour. |
| 517(b) | Pressure test, caliper, or otherwise evaluate tubing & wellhead equipment casing; submit results (every 30 days during prolonged operations). | 4 hours. |
| 517(c); NTL I, III.B | Notify MMS if sustained casing pressure is observed on a well | ¼ hour. |
| NTL I.A, I.E, I.G, I.H, II, III Appendix. | Submit results of diagnostic tests, departure requests and supporting information, including plan of action for non-producing wells. | 2 hours. |
| NTL I.C | Notify MMS when remediation procedure is complete | 1 hour. |
| NTL I.D | Appeal departure request denial according to 30 CFR part 290 | Burden covered 1010-0121. |
| 500-517 | General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart E regulations. | 2 hours. |
| 506 | Instruct crew members in safety requirements of operations to be performed; document meeting (weekly for 2 crews x 2 weeks per completion = 4). | 10 minutes. |
| 511 | Perform operational check of traveling-block safety device; document results (weekly x 2 weeks per completion = 2). | 6 minutes. |
| 516 tests; 516(i), (j) | Perform BOP pressure tests, actuations & inspections; record results; retain records 2 years following completion of well (when installed; minimum every 14 days; as stated for component). | 6 hours. |
| 516(d)(5) test; 516(i) | Function test annulars and rams; document results (every 7 days between BOP tests—biweekly; note: part of BOP test when conducted). | 10 minutes. |
| 516(e) | Record reason for postponing BOP system tests (on occasion) | 6 minutes. |
| 516(f) | Perform crew drills; record results (weekly for 2 crews x 2 weeks per completion = 4). | ½ hour. |
| NTL I.F | Retain complete record of well's casing pressure and diagnostic tests for 2 years. | ¼ hours. |
| NTL & Appendix | Perform diagnostic tests and record results; perform follow-up tests at least annually to determine departure status. | 4 hours. |

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost”

Burden: We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

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: 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.

Agencies must also estimate the “non-hour cost” burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, 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, and

record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for 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 submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

Public Comment Policy: MMS’s practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. MMS will honor this request to the extent allowable by law; however, anonymous comments will not be

considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

MMS Federal Register Liaison Officer:
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Dated: February 19, 2004.

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Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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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 extension of a currently approved information collection (1010-0058).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is 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) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under “30 CFR 250, Subpart I, Platforms and Structures.”

DATES: Submit written comments by April 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand carry 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, the address is: *rules.comments@mms.gov*. Reference “Information Collection 1010-0058” in your e-mail subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart I, Platforms and Structures.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0058.

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 that 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.

Specifically, the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356) requires the issuance of “* * * regulations which require that any vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure— * * * (2) which is used for activities pursuant to this subchapter, comply, * * * with such minimum standards of design, construction, alteration, and repair as the Secretary * * * establishes; * * *.” The OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332(6)) also states, “operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner * * * to prevent or minimize the likelihood of * * * physical obstruction to other users of the water or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property, or endanger life or health.” These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to MMS under which we issue regulations to ensure that operations in the OCS will meet statutory requirements; provide for safety and protection of the environment; and result in diligent exploration, development, and production of OCS leases. This information collection request addresses the regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart I, Platforms and Structures.

The MMS OCS Regions use the information submitted under subpart I to determine the structural integrity of all offshore structures and ensure that such integrity will be maintained throughout the useful life of these structures. We use the information to

ascertain, on a case-by-case basis, that the platforms and structures are structurally sound and safe for their intended use to ensure safety of personnel and pollution prevention. More specifically, we use the information to:

- Review information concerning damage to a platform to assess the adequacy of proposed repairs.
- Review plans for platform construction (construction is divided into three phases—design, fabrication, and installation) to ensure the structural integrity of the platform.
- Review verification plans and reports for unique platforms to ensure that all nonstandard situations are given proper consideration during the design, fabrication, and installation phases of platform construction.
- Review platform design, fabrication, and installation records to ensure that the platform is constructed according to approved plans.
- Review inspection reports to ensure that platform integrity is maintained for the life of the platform.
- Ensure that any object (wellheads, platforms, etc.) installed on the OCS is properly removed and the site cleared so as not to conflict with or harm other users of the OCS.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 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 varies by section, but is generally on occasion and annual.

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

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 28,344. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. 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.

| Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart I | Reporting or recordkeeping requirement | Hour burden |
|---|---|-------------|
| 900(b), (g); 901; 902; 909(b)(4)(iii) | Submit application and plans for new platform or major modifications and notice to MMS. | 24 |