

**DATES:** Comments Due Date: October 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2506-0153) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Wayne\\_Eddins@HUD.gov](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov); telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins and at HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a survey instrument to obtain information from faith-based and community organizations on their likelihood and success at applying for various funding programs. This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or

other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**This Notice Also Lists the Following Information:**

*Title of Proposal:* Brownfield's Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grant Application.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-0153.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-40122, HUD-40123, SF-424, SF-424S, SF-LLL, HUD-424-B, HUD-2880, HUD-2990, HUD-96010-1, and HUD-2993.

**Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:**

This information collection is required to rate and rank applications submitted as part of a funding competition and to ensure funding eligibility of applicant activities. Respondents are units of general local government eligible for Section 108 Loan Guarantees under USC 5308.

*Frequency of Submission:* Annually.

	Number of burden respondents	×	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Hours
Reporting Burden .....	50		1		40		2,000

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 2,000.  
*Status:* Revision of currently approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: August 31, 2004.

**Wayne Eddins,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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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 an information collection (1010-0058).

**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 250, Subpart I, Platforms and Structures.” This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by October 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments either by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail ([OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov)) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0058). 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 your comments to MMS, the address is: [rules.comments@mms.gov](mailto:rules.comments@mms.gov). Reference Information Collection 1010-0058 in your subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message text.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Blundon, Rules Processing Team, (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon 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, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS 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; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on offshore resources in the OCS; and 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, and the associated supplementary notices to lessees and operators intended to provide clarification, description, or explanation of these regulations. It should be noted that the 60-day **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 30956), referenced an NTL and burden hours that will not be included in this renewal.

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 data 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.

Responses are mandatory. No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked. MMS will protect proprietary information according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2), 30 CFR 250.196 (Data and information to be made available to the public) and 30 CFR Part 252 (OCS Oil and Gas Information Program).

*Frequency:* The frequency varies by section, but is generally “on occasion” or annual.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 153 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden:* The following chart details the components of the hour burden for the information collection requirements in Subpart I an estimated total of 34,164 burden hours. In estimating 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	Average no. annual responses	Annual burden hours
900(b), (g); 901; 902; 909(b)(4)(iii).	Submit application and plans for new platform or major modifications and notice to MMS.	24 .....	331 applications.	7,944
900(e) .....	Request approval for major repairs of damage to platform and notice to MMS.	24 .....	15 requests	360
900(f) .....	Request approval for resue of conversion of use of existing fixed or mobile platforms.	24 .....	50 requests	1,200
901(e) .....	Notify MMS before transporting platform to installation site .....	10 .....	30 notices ....	5
903(a),(b) .....	Submit nominations for Certified Verification Agent (CVA) .....	16 .....	15 nominations.	240
903(a)(1)–(3) .....	Submit interim and final CVA reports .....	600 .....	15 reports ....	9,000
912(a) .....	Request inspection interval that exceeds 5 years .....	16 .....	50 requests	800
912(b) .....	Submit annual report of platforms inspected and summary of testing results.	45 .....	153 lessees	6,885
900 thru 914 .....	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in Subpart I regulations.	8 .....	10 requests	80
Reporting Hour Burden		.....	669 .....	26,514
909, 911, 912, 914 .....	Recordkeeping Requirement: Maintain records on as-built structural drawings, design assumptions and analyses, summary on nondestructive examination records, inspection results, etc., for the functional life of the platform.	50 .....	153 lessees (record-keepers).	7,650
Total Hour Burden .....	.....	.....	822 .....	34,164

*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 June 1, 2004, we published a **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 30956) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 250.199 displays the OMB control number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR Part 250 regulations. The 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, 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 October 8, 2004. 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.

*MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Arlene Bajusz, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: August 3, 2004.

**E.P. Danenberger,**

*Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.*  
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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 1010-0090).

**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 216, Subpart B—Oil and Gas, General. 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 216, Subpart B—Oil and Gas, General, § 216.57 Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification (Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification).” We changed the title of this ICR from “Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification (Form MMS-4377)” to clarify the regulatory language we are covering under 30 CFR 216.57.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before October 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments by either FAX (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (OIRA\_Docket@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 1010-0090.) Mail or hand-carry a copy of your comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Lead Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 302B2, 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 e-mail 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 that we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, FAX (303) 231-3781, e-mail [Sharron.Gebhardt@mms.gov](mailto:Sharron.Gebhardt@mms.gov). You may also contact Sharron Gebhardt to obtain a copy at no cost of the form and regulations that require the subject collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* 30 CFR 216, Subpart B—Oil and Gas, General, § 216.57 Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification (Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification).

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0090.  
*Bureau Form Number:* Form MMS-4377.

*Abstract:* The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The 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 MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

The Bureau of Land Management, the surface management agency for Federal onshore leases, grants royalty rate reductions to operators of stripper oil properties producing an average of less than 15 barrels of oil per eligible well per well-day. See 43 CFR 3103.4-2. The purpose of these royalty rate reductions is to encourage continued production, provide an incentive for enhanced oil recovery projects, discourage abandonment of properties producing an average of less than 15 barrels of oil per eligible well per well-day, and reduce the operator's expenses. The royalty rate for a stripper oil property is lower than the royalty rate reflected in the lease and thus reduces the amount of revenues paid to the Federal Government. In order to perform the royalty management functions for the Secretary, MMS must receive timely notification of any royalty rate change. Reporters use the Form MMS-4377 to notify MMS of royalty rate changes. Operators may submit an initial Form MMS-4377 when a new property qualifies as a stripper oil property. Reporters must submit Form MMS-4377 to notify MMS of a royalty rate reduction that is lower than the initial royalty rate reduction on an existing stripper oil property (out-year notification). The decision to request an initial royalty rate reduction is voluntary; however, failure to timely submit the out-year notification will result in the royalty rate change being denied.

The MMS is requesting OMB's approval to continue to collect this information. Not collecting this information would limit the Secretary's ability to discharge fiduciary duties and may also result in loss of royalty payments. Proprietary information submitted is protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 900 operators of stripper oil properties producing an average of less than 15 barrels of oil per eligible well per well-day.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden:* 1,080 hours.

Since this ICR was renewed 3 years ago, we obtained more accurate