

conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas: lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae* (=sanborni) *yerbabuena*), cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Sonoran tiger salamander (*Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), and Gila topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*).

**Permit No. TE-103860**

*Applicant:* Roberg Environmental Consulting Services, Cabot, Arkansas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to survey, trap, and relocate for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Arkansas and Oklahoma.

**Permit No. TE-103862**

*Applicant:* Texas Department of Transportation, Houston, Texas.

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within Texas: Attwater's greater prairie chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido attwateri*), brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), Eskimo curlew (*Numenius borealis*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides* (=Dendrocopos) *borealis*), whooping crane (*Grus americana*), and Texas prairie dawn-flower (*Hymenoxys texana*).

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*

Dated: May 10, 2005.

**Steve Chambers,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**U.S. Geological Survey**

**Patent, Trademark & Copyright Acts**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective intent to award exclusive license.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating awarding an exclusive license to: Geovision Solutions, Inc., 1410 Gunston Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21015 on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/877,786, entitled "Integrated Method for

Disseminating Large Spatial Data Sets in a Distributed Form Via the Internet."

**Inquiries:** If other parties are interested in similar activities, or have comments related to the prospective award, please contact Neil Mark, USGS, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 201, Reston, Virginia 20192, voice (703) 648-4344, fax (703) 648-7219, or e-mail [nmark@usgs.gov](mailto:nmark@usgs.gov).

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

Dated: May 20, 2005.

**Patricia P. Dunham,**

*Deputy Chief, Office of Administrative Policy and Services.*

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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 1010-0155).

**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 204 Alternatives for Marginal Properties, Subpart C—Accounting and Auditing Relief." This ICR covers the regulatory language under 30 CFR part 204, as published in the final rulemaking on September 13, 2004 (69 FR 55076). This citation explains how lessees and their designees can obtain accounting and auditing relief for production from Federal oil and gas leases and units and communitization agreements that qualify as marginal properties.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before August 2, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written 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 or wish to hand-carry your comments, 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, or e-mail [sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov](mailto:sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title: 30 CFR PART 204—ALTERNATIVES FOR MARGINAL PROPERTIES, Subpart C—Accounting and Auditing Relief.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0155.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* The Secretary of the U.S.

Department of the Interior 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 MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share (royalty) of the value received from production from the leased lands. The lease creates a business relationship between the lessor and the lessee. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is similar to data reported to private and public mineral interest owners and is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling of such minerals. The information collected includes data necessary to ensure that the royalties are accurately valued and appropriately paid. A response is required to obtain the benefit of auditing and accounting relief.

Proprietary information submitted to MMS under this collection is protected, and no items of a sensitive nature are collected.

**Applicable Citations**

On August 13, 1996, Congress enacted Public Law 104-185—Aug. 13, 1996 (Federal Oil and Gas Royalty