

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart E & LTL/NTL	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
516(f) .....	Perform crew drills; record results (weekly for 2 crews × 2 weeks per completion = 4).	½ hour .....	1,048 completions × 4 = 4,192.	2,096
LTL .....	Retain complete record of well's casing pressure for 2 years and retain diagnostic test records permanently.	1 hour .....	2,990 records .....	2,990
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	17,584 responses .....	9,709
<b>Notify</b>				
502 .....	Notify MMS of well-completion rig movement on or off platform or from well to well on same platform (Form MMS-144) (cross ref. § 250.403).	Burden included in 1010-0150.		0
517(c); LTL/NTL .....	Notify MMS if sustained casing pressure is observed on a well.	1 hour .....	900 notices .....	900
LTL/NTL .....	Report failure of casing pressure to bleed to zero including plan to remediate.	6 hours .....	500 submissions .....	3,000
NTL .....	Notify MMS when remediation procedure is complete.	1 hour .....	110 notices .....	110
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	1,510 responses .....	4,010
Total Hour Burden.	.....	.....	20,439 responses .....	18,756

\* LTL dated 13 January 1994.  
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*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* We have identified no paperwork "non-hour cost" burdens associated with the collection of information.

*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:* 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 January 29, 2007, we published a **Federal Register** notice (72 FR 4025) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 250.199 provides the OMB control number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR 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, you may 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 November 1, 2007.

*Public Availability of Comments:* Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment

to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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

Dated: May 11, 2007.

**E.P. Danenberger,**  
*Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.*

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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 an information collection (1010-0043).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we will be submitting to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to

renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, subpart F, Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations, and related documents. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by November 1, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments either by 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 (1010-0043). Mail or hand carry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Cheryl Blundon; 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*. Reference Information Collection 1010-0043 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, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1607. 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 Part 250, Subpart F, Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0043.

*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 5(a) of the OCS Lands Act requires the Secretary to prescribe rules and regulations "to provide for the prevention of waste, and conservation of the natural resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein" and to include provisions "for the prompt and efficient exploration and development of a lease area." These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to the Minerals Management Service (MMS) 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 Part 250, subpart F, Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations and the associated supplementary Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) intended to provide clarification, description, or explanation of these regulations.

MMS District Supervisors use the information collected to analyze and evaluate planned well-workover operations to ensure that operations result in personnel safety and protection of the environment. They use this evaluation in making decisions to approve, disapprove, or to require modification to the proposed well-workover operations. For example, MMS uses the information to:

- Review log entries of crew meetings to verify that safety procedures have been properly reviewed.
- Review well-workover procedures relating to hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) to ensure the safety of the crew in the event of encountering H<sub>2</sub>S.
- Review well-workover diagrams and procedures to ensure the safety of well-workover operations.

- Verify that the crown block safety device is operating and can be expected to function and avoid accidents.

- Verify that the proposed operation of the annular preventer is technically correct and will provide adequate protection for personnel, property, and natural resources.

- Verify the reasons for postponing blowout preventer (BOP) tests, verify the state of readiness of the equipment and to ascertain that the equipment meets safety standards and requirements, ensure that BOP tests have been conducted in the manner and frequency to promote personnel safety and protect natural resources. Specific testing information must be recorded to verify that the proper test procedures were followed.

- Assure that the well-workover operations are conducted on well casing that is structurally competent.

Responses are mandatory. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. MMS will protect proprietary information according to 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection", and 30 CFR part 252, "OCS Oil and Gas Information Program".

*Frequency:* The frequency varies by section, but is primarily monthly or on occasion.

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

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* The estimated annual "hour" burden for this information collection is a total of 40,899 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. 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	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual reponses	Annual burden hours
<b>Requests</b>				
602 .....	Request exceptions prior to moving well-workover equipment.	1 .....	400 requests .....	400
605; 613; 615(a), (e)(4); 616(d).	Request approval to begin subsea well-workover operations; submit Forms MMS-124 (include, if required, alternate procedures and equipment; stump test procedures plan) and MMS-125.	Burden included in 1010-0141		0

Citation 30 CFR 250	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual reponses	Annual burden hours
612 .....	Request establishment/amendment/cancellation of field well-workover rules.	6 .....	4 requests .....	24
616(a) .....	Request exception to rated working pressure of the BOP equipment; request exception to annular-type BOP testing.	2 .....	187 requests .....	374
600-618 .....	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart F regulations.	2 .....	200 requests .....	4009
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	791 .....	1,198
<b>Posting</b>				
614 .....	Post number of stands of drill pipe or workover string and drill collars that may be pulled prior to filling the hole and equivalent well-control fluid volume.	0.25 .....	1,210 postings .....	303
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	1,210 .....	303
<b>Submittals/Notifications</b>				
602 .....	Notify MMS of any rig movement within Gulf of Mexico (Form MMS-144).	Burden included in 1010-0150		0
617(b) .....	Pressure test, caliper, or otherwise evaluate tubing & wellhead equipment casing; submit results (every 30 days during prolonged operations).	6 .....	182 reports .....	1,092
617(c) .....	Notify MMS if sustained casing pressure is observed on a well.	1 .....	905 notifications .....	905
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	1,087 .....	1,997
<b>Record/Document</b>				
606 .....	Instruct crew members in safety requirements of operations to be performed; document meeting (weekly for 2 crews × 2 weeks per workover = 4).	1 .....	1,476 workovers × 4 = 5,904.	5,904
611 .....	Perform operational check of traveling-block safety device; document results (weekly × 2 weeks per workover = 2).	1 .....	1,226 workovers × 2 = 2,452.	2,452
616(a), (b), (f), (g) .....	Perform BOP pressure tests, actuations, inspections & certifications; record results; retain records 2 years following completion of workover activities (when installed; at a minimum every 7 days × 2 weeks per workover = 2).	7 .....	1,226 workovers × 2 = 2,452.	17,164
616(b)(2) .....	Test blind or blind-shear rams; document results (every 30 days during operations). (Note: this is part of BOP test when BOP test is conducted.).	2 .....	1,476 workovers .....	2,952
616(b)(2) .....	Record reason for postponing BOP system tests.	0.5 .....	146 post-poned tests ...	73
616(c) .....	Perform crew drills; record results (weekly for 2 crews × 2 weeks per workover = 4).	1.5 .....	1,476 work-overs × 4 = 5,904.	8,856
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	18,334 .....	37,401
Total Burden ...	.....	.....	21,422 Responses .....	40,899

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"*

*Burden:* We have identified no paperwork "non-hour cost" burdens

associated with the collection of information.

**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:** 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 January 23, 2007, we published a **Federal Register** notice (72 FR 2901) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 250.199 provides 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, you may 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 November 1, 2007.

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cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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

Dated: June 1, 2007.

**William S. Hauser,**

*Acting Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.*

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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 a revision 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 information collection requirements in the regulations at 30 CFR 216<sub>MRM1</sub>.57. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements. We shortened the title of this ICR to accommodate OMB requirements. The previous title was “30 CFR 216, Subpart B—Oil and Gas, General, § 216.57 Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification.” The new title is “30 CFR 216.57, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification.” Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification, is used to collect the information.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before November 1, 2007.

**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).

Please also send a copy of your comments to MMS via e-mail at *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. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

You may also mail 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 or wish to hand-deliver your comments, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, West 6th Ave. and Kipling Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80225.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, FAX (303) 231-3781, e-mail *Sharron.Gebhardt@mms.gov*. You may also contact Sharron Gebhardt to obtain copies, at no cost, of (1) the ICR, (2) any associated forms, and (3) regulations that require the subject collection of information.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** 30 CFR 216.57, 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. Public laws pertaining to mineral royalties are located on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm).

Under 43 CFR 3103.4-2, the Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Program was established by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the surface management agency for Federal onshore leases. As a benefit under this program, BLM approved royalty rate reductions for operators of stripper oil properties for applicable sales periods from October 1, 1992, through January 31, 2006. Effective February 1, 2006, the benefits of reduced royalty rates under this program were terminated, although this change is not currently reflected in the CFR.