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**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 \*\*\*.

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Agencies must also estimate the non-hour paperwork 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 Procedures:** 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.

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

Dated: August 30, 2010.

**Doug Slitor,**

*Acting Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

[Docket No. MMS-2010-OMM-0029]

#### BOEMRE Information Collection

**Activity: 1010-0183, Information Requirements for Exploration Plans, Development and Production Plans, and Development Operations Coordination Documents on the OCS NTL, Extension of a Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (BOEMRE), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of an information collection (1010-0183).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), BOEMRE 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 a Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) for the regulations under 30 CFR 250, subpart B, "Plans and Information." The collection was originally approved by OMB under an emergency request. This request extends the collection for 3 years.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by November 8, 2010.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch at (703) 787-1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the

regulation and NTL that requires the subject collection of information.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below.

- **Electronically:** go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled "Enter Keyword or ID," enter docket ID MMS-2010-OMM-0029 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this collection. The BOEMRE will post all comments.

- **E-mail:** [cheryl.blundon@mms.gov](mailto:cheryl.blundon@mms.gov). Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement; **Attention:** Cheryl Blundon; 381 Elden Street, MS-4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference ICR 1010-0183 in your comment and include your name and return address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Information Requirements for Exploration Plans, Development and Production Plans, and Development Operations Coordination Documents on the OCS NTL.

**OMB Control Number:** 1010-0183.

**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; preserve and maintain free enterprise competition; and ensure that the extent of oil and natural gas resources of the OCS is assessed at the earliest practicable time. Section 43 U.S.C. 1332(6) states that "operations in the outer 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."

To carry out these responsibilities, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,

Regulation, and Enforcement (BOEM) (formerly the Minerals Management Service) issues regulations to ensure that operations in the OCS will meet statutory requirements; provide for safety and protect the environment; and result in diligent exploration, development, and production of OCS leases. In addition, we also issue Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) that provide clarification, explanation, and interpretation of our regulations. These NTLs are also used to convey purely informational material and to cover situations that might not be adequately addressed in our regulations. The latter is the case for the information collection required in the subject NTL. Because of the unusual nature of this information collection, issuing an NTL would be the appropriate means to collect the information at the time of the event.

The subject of this information collection request (ICR) is an NTL based on the recommendations in the May 27, 2010, Report from the Secretary of the Interior to the President of the United States, *Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf* (Report). The BOEMRE issued this NTL for operators to comply with the requirements and recommendations of the report as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The primary information collection for this regulation is 30 CFR 250, Subpart B approved under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1010-0151. However, in connection with this subpart, BOEMRE thinks that the burden hour requirements in the NTL are in addition to the currently approved paperwork burden under those requirements. We are renewing the collection for 3 years because information needs to be collected for a longer period than allowed by the emergency OMB request. Due to the duration of the spill, companies have diligently been working to stop and/or contain the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico and not all facilities are back to normal operations.

As stated in the NTL, on April 20, 2010, an event of national significance that included the deaths of 11 people continues to harm the marine ecosystem, wildlife, and property along the Gulf Coast. Although the causes are still under investigation, these events highlight the importance of ensuring safe operations on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The BOEMRE will use this information, as well as other information and analyses, to comprehensively assess what changes may be needed to BOEMRE program-

wide requirements and to review the data submitted to analyze future activities under Exploration Plans (EPs), Development and Production Plans (DPPs), and Development Operations Coordination Documents (DOCDs).

They will be proposing rulemaking that will increase the burden hours and require more specific information that lessees need to submit about their plans (Exploration Plans, Development and Production Plans, and Development Operations Coordination Documents) due to such a catastrophic event. This increase in burden hours, once approved, will allow BOEMRE to react to disasters more quickly and provide the public with needed information about the offshore energy infrastructure.

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), 30 CFR 250.197, Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection, and 30 CFR 252, OCS Oil and Gas Information Program. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* Potential respondents comprise Federal oil, gas, or sulphur lessees and/or operators.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 7,755 hours. There are approximately 517 responses from the lessees and operators that will need to submit revised/updated Exploration Plans, Development and Production Plans, and Development Operations Coordination Documents. 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.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:* We have identified no non-hour paperwork cost burdens for this collection.

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*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

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Agencies must also estimate the non-hour paperwork 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.

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*BOEMRE Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Arlene Bajusz (703) 787-1025.

Dated: August 30, 2010.

**Doug Slitor,**

*Acting Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement

[Docket No. MMS-2010-OMM-0026]

#### BOEMRE Information Collection

#### Activity: 1010-0081, Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals Other Than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur, Extension of a Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (BOEMRE), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of an information collection (1010-0081).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), BOEMRE 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 282, Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by November 8, 2010.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch at (703) 787-1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulation that requires the subject collection of information.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below.

- *Electronically:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled "Enter Keyword or ID," enter docket ID MMS-2010-OMM-0026 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this collection. The BOEMRE will post all comments.

- *E-mail:* [cheryl.blundon@mms.gov](mailto:cheryl.blundon@mms.gov). Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement; Attention: Cheryl Blundon; 381 Elden Street, MS-4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference ICR 1010-0081 in your comment and include your name and return address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** 30 CFR Part 282, Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur.

**OMB Control Number:** 1010-0081.

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1334 and 43 U.S.C. 1337(k)), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to implement regulations to grant to the qualified persons, offering the highest cash bonus on a basis of competitive bidding, leases of any mineral other than oil, gas, and sulphur. This applies to any area of the OCS not then under lease for such mineral. This regulation governs mining operations within the OCS for minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur and establishes a comprehensive leasing and regulatory program for such minerals. These regulations have been designed to (1) recognize the differences between the OCS activities associated with oil, gas, and sulphur discovery and development and those associated with the discovery and development of other minerals; (2) facilitate participation by States directly affected by OCS mining activities; (3) provide opportunities for consultation and coordination with other OCS users and uses; (4) balance development with environmental protection; (5) insure a fair return to the public; (6) preserve and maintain free enterprise competition; and (7) encourage the development of new technology.

Regulations at 30 CFR 282 implement these statutory requirements. However, there has been no activity in the OCS for minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur for many years and no associated information collected since 1991. Nevertheless, because these are regulatory requirements, the potential exists for information to be collected and we are renewing OMB approval.

We use the information required by 30 CFR part 282 to determine if lessees are complying with the regulations that implement the mining operations program for minerals other than oil, gas,

and sulphur. Specifically, BOEMRE uses the information:

- To ensure that operations for the production of minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur in the OCS are conducted in a manner that will result in orderly resource recovery, development, and the protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments.

- To ensure that adequate measures will be taken during operations to prevent waste, conserve the natural resources of the OCS, and to protect the environment, human life, and correlative rights.

- To determine if suspensions of activities are in the national interest, to facilitate proper development of a lease including reasonable time to develop a mine and construct its supporting facilities, or to allow for the construction or negotiation for use of transportation facilities.

- To identify and evaluate the cause(s) of a hazard(s) generating a suspension, the potential damage from a hazard(s) and the measures available to mitigate the potential for damage.

- For technical and environmental evaluations which provide a basis for BOEMRE to make informed decisions to approve, disapprove, or require modification of the proposed activities.

We protect proprietary information according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and 30 CFR 282.5, 282.6, and 282.7 and applicable sections of 30 CFR parts 280 and 281. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

**Frequency:** Monthly; on occasion.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** As there are no active respondents, we estimated the potential annual number of respondents to be one. Respondents are OCS lessees.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:** The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 201 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.