DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Suspension of All Direct Commercial Passenger and Cargo Flights Between the United States and Venezuela

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has determined that conditions in Venezuela threaten the safety and security of passengers, aircraft, and crew, and that the public interest requires an immediate suspension of all commercial passenger and cargo flights between the United States and Venezuela. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) concurred with this determination and has issued an Order suspending all foreign air transportation for passengers or cargo to or from any airport in Venezuela, effective May 15, 2019.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Gregory, Acting Assistant Administrator, Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, TSA—4, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), 601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA 20598–6004; telephone: (571) 227–3051; email: James.O.Gregory@tsa.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to section 44907(e) of title 49, United States Code, if "(1) a condition exists that threatens the safety or security of passengers, aircraft, or crew traveling to or from [a foreign] airport; and (2) the public interest requires an immediate suspension of transportation between the United States and that airport,” the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation and with the approval of the Secretary of State, shall suspend flights to and from that foreign airport.

The Secretary of Homeland Security has determined that conditions in Venezuela threaten the safety and security of passengers, aircraft, and crew, and that the public interest requires an immediate suspension of air transportation. This determination is based on several prevailing factors, which include: (1) Reports of civil unrest and violence in and around the airports; (2) the inability of TSA to gain access to Venezuelan airports to conduct required security assessments to determine whether adequate security measures are in place; (3) the current economic and political crisis in Venezuela; (4) cancellation of flights to Venezuela by American Airlines, the largest air carrier providing service, and two other carriers; (5) the U.S. Department of State’s publication of Do Not Travel advisories, suspension of Embassy operations, and recommendation that TSA inspectors not enter the country owing to safety concerns; (6) the Federal Aviation Administration’s issuance of a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) on May 1, 2019, which prohibits all flight operations by U.S. air carriers and commercial operators in Venezuela airspace below FL 260; and (7) the risk of Maduro regime actions against U.S. citizens and U.S. interests located in Venezuela.

Following Secretary of State approval, DOT concurred with this determination and suspended foreign air transportation of passengers or cargo to or from any airport in Venezuela, effective May 15, 2019.

Notice of the Secretary of Homeland Security’s finding regarding conditions in Venezuela shall be displayed prominently in all U.S. airports with regularly scheduled air carrier operations. DHS will notify the news media of this determination. The Secretary of Homeland Security has instructed TSA to require that each foreign and domestic air carrier providing air transportation originating in the United States to any person with a flight itinerary that originates in, transfers or transits through, or has a final destination of any airport in Venezuela, provide written notice to such person advising that conditions in Venezuela currently present a threat to the traveling public.

If and when the conditions in Venezuela change and if in the public interest, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation, will revisit this determination.

Dated: May 24, 2019.

Kevin K. McAleenan,
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Agency Information Collection Activities; Energy Resource Development Program Grants

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs (AS-IA) are proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 5, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the Winter Jojola-Talburt, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, 13922 Denver West Pkwy, Ste. 200, Lakewood, Colorado 80401; or by email at ieedgrants@bia.gov.

Please reference OMB Control Number 1076–0174 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Winter Jojola-Talburt by email at ieedgrants@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.
We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the AS–IA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the AS–IA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the AS–IA minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Abstract: The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) administers and manages the energy resource development grant program under the Energy and Minerals Development Program (EMDP). Congress may appropriate funds to EMDP on a year-to-year basis. When funding is available, IEED may solicit proposals for energy resource development projects from Indian Tribes and Tribal energy resource development organizations for use in carrying out projects to promote the integration of energy resources, and to process, use or develop those energy resources on Indian land. The projects may be in the areas of exploration, assessment, development, feasibility, or market studies. Indian Tribes that would like to apply for an EMDP grant must submit an application that includes certain information, and must assist IEED by providing information in support of any National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses. Upon acceptance of an application, a Tribe must then submit one-to-two-page quarterly progress reports summarizing events, accomplishments, problems and/or results in executing the project. Quarterly reports assist IEED staff with project monitoring of the EMDP program and are required that projects are making adequate progress in achieving the project’s objectives.

Title of Collection: Energy and Mineral Development Program Grants. OMB Control Number: 1076–0174. Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Respondents/Affected Public: Federally recognized Indian Tribes with Indian land.
Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 53 applicants per year; 34 project participants each year.
Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 53 per year for applications; 136 per year for progress reports.
Estimated Completion Time per Response: 40 hours per application; 1.5 hours per progress report.
Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,324 hours (2,120 for applications and 204 for progress reports).
Respondent’s Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.
Frequency of Collection: Once per year for applications; 4 times per year for progress reports.
Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: $0.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.
The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

Elizabeth K. Appel,
Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[LWO210000019X.L16100000.PN0000; OMB Control Number 1004–0212]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Resource Management Planning
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection.
DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 5, 2019.
ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240. Attention: Jean Sonnenman; or by email to jesonnen@blm.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1004–0212 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Leah Baker by telephone at 202–912–7282 or by email at LBaker@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Abstract: This control number provides State Governors an opportunity to work with the BLM to resolve possible inconsistencies between BLM land use plans and State or local plans, policies, or programs; and that authorizes protests of land use plans and plan amendments by the BLM.