

We published a **Federal Register** notice with the required 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this ICR on November 18, 1999 (64 FR 63053).
Frequency: On occasion or monthly.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas lessees.
Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 14,189

burden hours, averaging approximately 110 hours per respondent. Refer to the following chart.

| Citation 30 CFR 250 Subpart K | Reporting & recordkeeping requirement | Number | Burden (hours) | Annual burden hours |
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| 1101(b) | Request approval to produce within 500 feet of a lease line. | 21 requests | 5 | 105 |
| 1101(c) | Request approval to produce gas cap of a sensitive reservoir. | 46 requests | 12 | 552 |
| 1102 | Submit forms MMS-126, MMS-127, and MMS-128 | Burden covered under 1010-0038, 1010-0018, and 1010-0017. | | 0 |
| 1102(a)(5) | Submit alternative plan for overproduction status | We are not currently collecting this information. | | 0 |
| 1102(b)(6) | Request extension of time to submit results of semi-annual well test. | 36 requests | .5 | 18 |
| 1103(a) | Request approval of test periods of less than 4 hours and pretest stabilization periods of less than 6 hours. | 36 requests | .5 | 18 |
| 1103(c) | Provide advance notice of time and date of well tests | 10 notices | .5 | 5 |
| 1104(c) | Submit results of all static bottomhole pressure surveys obtained by lessee. Information submitted on form MMS-140 in GOMR. | 1,200 surveys | 1 | 1,200 |
| 1105(a), (b) | Request special approval to flare or vent oil-well gas | 27 requests | 6 | 162 |
| 1105(c) | Request approval to burn produced liquid hydrocarbons. | 60 requests | 1 | 60 |
| 1105(f) | Submit monthly reports of flared or vented gas containing H ₂ S. | 18 operators × 12 mos. = 216. | 2 | 432 |
| 1105(f) | H ₂ S Contingency, Exploration, or Development and Production Plans. | Burden covered under 1010-0053 and 1010-0049. | | 0 |
| 1106 | Submit application to commingle hydrocarbons produced from multiple reservoirs and inform other lessees having an interest. | 91 applications | 6 | 546 |
| 1107(b) | Submit proposed plan for enhanced recovery operations. | 21 plans | 12 | 252 |
| 1107(c) | Submit periodic reports of volumes of oil, gas, or other substances injected, produced, or reproduced. | 55 reports | 2 | 110 |
| Reporting subtotal | | 1,819 responses | | 3,460 |
| 1105(d), (e) | Maintain records for 2 years detailing gas flaring or venting. | 823 platforms | 13 | 10,699 |
| 1105(d), (e) | Maintain records for 2 years detailing liquid hydrocarbon burning. | 60 occurrences | .5 | 30 |
| Recordkeeping subtotal | | 130 Recordkeepers | | 10,729 |
| Total burden | | 1,949 Responses | | 14,189 |

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

Comments: All comments are made a part of the public record. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA 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.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the addresses section of this notice. The 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 July 3, 2000.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

Elmer P. Danenberger,
Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for

OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.4 and 1506.6) that implement the National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA's) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI's), prepared by the MMS for the following oil and

gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This listing includes all proposals for which the FONSI's were prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

| Activity/operator | Location | Date |
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| BHP Petroleum (GOM) Inc., Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6626. | Walker Ridge Area, Blocks 425 and 469, Lease OCS-G 16987 and 16997, 146 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline. | 02/03/00 |
| Coastal Oil and Gas Corporation, Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6640. | High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-367, Lease OCS-G 15820, 118 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline. | 02/29/00 |
| Apache Corporation, Exploration Activity, SEA No. S-5175 | South Pass Area, Block 62, Lease OCS-G 1294, 18 miles south of Venice, Louisiana. | 04/12/00 |
| Vastar Resoures, Inc., Pipeline Activity, SEA No. P-12395 (G-21475). | Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 264, 263, and 280, Lease OCS-G 21475, 70 miles off the coast of Alabama. | 02/02/00 |
| Unocal Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 93-143A. | Main Pass Area, Block 254, Lease OCS-G 5055, 60 miles from Baldwin County, Alabama. | 04/06/00 |
| Exxon Mobil Production Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 00-001. | Grand Isle Area, Block 23, Lease OCS-G 0034, 7 miles southeast of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. | 01/28/00 |
| EEX Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 00-002. | Garden Banks Area, Block 387, Lease OCS-G 7485, 129 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. | 01/18/00 |
| Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 00-003 and 00-004. | High Island Area, Block A-549, Lease OCS-G 12584; East Cameron Area, Block 311, Lease OCS-G 6646; 93 to 98 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline. | 01/31/00 |
| Houston Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 00-005. | Mustang Island Area, Block 738, Lease OCS-G 11214, 26 miles southeast of Aransas County, Texas. | 02/04/00 |
| Chevron U.S.A., Production Company, Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-006. | Main Pass Area, Block 132, Lease OCS-G 2949, 25 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. | 02/09/00 |
| CXY Energy Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-007. | Main Pass Area, Block 262, Lease OCS-G 15390, 51 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. | 03/01/00 |
| Energy Resources Technology, Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-008. | East Cameron Area, Block 223, Lease OCS-G 10632, 67 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 03/01/00 |
| Newfield Exploration Company, Structure Removal Activity, EA Nos. ES/SR 00-009, through 00-13. | Eugene Island Area, Block 199, Lease OCS-G 0437; West Cameron Area, Blocks 401 and 421, Leases OCS-G 5322 and 7619; 48 to 70 miles off the Louisiana coast. | 03/14/00 |
| Chevron U.S.A. Production Company, Structure Removal Activity, SEA Nos. ES/SR 00-014 through 00-016. | Grand Isle Area, Blocks 26 and 37, Leases OCS-G 0392 and 0390, 6 to 7 miles off the Louisiana coast. | 03/10/00 |
| Torch Operating Company, Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-017. | Main Pass Area, Blocks 99, Lease OCS-G 6807, 15 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. | 03/10/00 |
| NCX Company, Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR No. 00-018. | Chandeleur Area, Block 21, Lease OCS-G 13040, 16 miles east of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. | 03/29/00 |
| Aviara Energy Corporation, Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR No. 00-019. | West Cameron Area, Block 531, Lease OCS-G 2223, 87 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 03/28/00 |
| Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Activity, SEA Nos. ES/SR Nos. 00-020 through 00-23. | Eugene Island Area, Block 292, Lease OCS-G 0994; Vermilion Area, Blocks 101 and 102, Leases OCS-G 10658 and OCS-G 3393; 224 miles south of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and 90 to 95 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. | 04/13/00 |
| EOG Resources, Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-024. | West Cameron Area, Block 491, Lease OCS-G 9425, 87 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 03/30/00 |
| PennzEnergy Exploration and Ship Production, L.L.C., Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-025. | Shoal Area, Block 154, Lease OCS-G 0420, 31 miles south of Terrebonne, Parish, Louisiana. | 04/03/00 |
| Texaco Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-026. | Vermilion Area, Block 30, Lease OCS-G 4785, 6 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. | 04/03/00 |
| Burlington Resources Offshore Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA Nos. ES/SR 00-27 through 00-31. | Eugene Island Area, Block 159, Lease OCS-G 4449; Vermilion Area, Blocks 226 and 237, Leases OCS-G 5195 and 6677; West Cameron Area, Block 605 Lease OCS-G 2231; 37 to 110 miles off the Louisiana coast. | 04/06/00 |
| Houston Exploration Company, Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR No. 00-032. | Matagorda Island Area, Block 650, Lease OCS-G 8998, 23 miles southeast of Calhoun County, Texas. | 04/05/00 |
| Union Pacific Resources Company, Structure Removal Activity, SEA Nos. ES/SR 00-033 and 00-034. | Ship Shoal Area, Block 191, Lease OCS-G 5555; Vermilion Area, Block 216, Lease OCS-G 13885; 32 to 58 miles off the Louisiana coast. | 04/07/00 |
| Forcenergy Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA Nos. ES/SR 00-035 through 00-037. | East Cameron Area; Blocks 297, 282, and 283; Leases OCS-G 7663, 7661, and 7660; 93 to 98 miles offshore the Louisiana coast. | 04/11/00 |
| Forcenergy Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA Nos. ES/SR 00-039 and 00-040. | West Cameron Area, Block 212, Lease OCS-G 4758, 38 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 04/11/00 |

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| Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-041. | West Delta Area, Block 29, Lease OCS-G 0385, 7 miles south of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. | 04/06/00 |
| Apache Corporation, Structure Removal Activity, SEA No. ES/SR 00-042. | Vermilion Area, Block 257, Lease OCS-G 8671, 70 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. | 04/14/00 |

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Public Information Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Telephone (504) 736-2519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals which relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where the MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the EA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

Dated: April 25, 2000.

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Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

30 Day Notice of Submission to the Office of Management and Budget, Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to Office of Management and Budget and request

for comments on information collection related to National Park Service mining regulations.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D)), the National Park Service (NPS) invites comments on a submitted request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve an extension, with revision, to a currently approved information budget for the NPS's minerals management regulatory program inside park units. Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the park protection functions of the NPS, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the NPS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including use of automated, electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology; and (5) on the typical costs that prospective operators incur in preparing complete plans of operation under NPS mining regulations. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the requested information collection budget but may respond after 30 days. Thus, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

Primary Purpose of the Proposed Information Collection Request

The NPS requires the submittal of information on prospective mineral development activities associated with mining claims and non-Federal oil and gas rights within National Park System units to ensure that only operations that mitigate adverse impacts to park resources and values are permitted to operate in parks.

DATES: Public comments on this notice must be received by June 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send comments to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, ATTN: Desk Officer for the Interior Department (1024-0064), Washington, D.C. 20503. Please also forward a copy of your comments to Carol McCoy, Chief, Policy and

Regulations Branch, Geologic Resources Division, NPS, P.O. Box 25287, Lakewood, Colorado 80225.

All comments will become a matter of public record. Copies of the information collection request may be obtained by contacting Carol McCoy at the above noted address or by calling her at (303) 969-2096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: NPS Minerals Management Program.

Form: None.

OMB Number: 1024-0064.

Expiration Date: April 2000.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Description of Need: While surprising, outstanding mineral rights exist in many units of the National Park System. In most cases, these rights predate the establishment of the units. Currently, a little over 2,000 mining claims, which were located under the 1872 Mining Law, exist in a total of 20 park units. The majority of these claims are located in Mojave National Preserve that was added to the National Park System through the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa). With respect to non-Federal oil and gas rights in park units, 597 non-Federal oil and gas operations exist in 11 park units. The potential for additional non-Federal oil and gas operations in additional units is tied to market forces and the quality and quantity of oil and gas reserves in park boundaries that coincide with the presence of private rights.

The NPS regulates mineral development activities inside park boundaries on mining claims and on non-Federal oil and gas rights under regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A for mining claims (i.e., "9A regulations"), and Subpart B for non-Federal oil and gas rights (i.e., "9B regulations"). The NPS promulgated both sets of regulations in the late 1970's. In the case of mining claims, the NPS did so under congressional authority granted under the Mining in the Parks Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*) and individual park enabling statutes. For non-Federal oil and gas rights, the NPS regulates development activities pursuant to authority under the NPS Organic Act of 1916 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*) and