

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-2 by contacting any BLM Office or the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: March 25, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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**[WO-310-1310-01-24-1A]**

**Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0134**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information for operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. BLM uses the information to determine whether proposed operations may be approved to begin, to alter operations, or to allow operations to continue. The information also enables BLM to monitor compliance with granted approvals. Granted approvals include drilling plans, prevention of waste, protection of resources, development of a lease, measurement, production verification, and protection of public health and safety.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 28, 1996, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0134" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 A.M. to 4:15 P.M., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Gamble, Compliance Team, Fluids Group, (202) 452-0340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

In accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as

amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359); the various Indian leasing acts; and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), BLM's implementing regulations at 43 CFR Part 3160 require affected Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas operators and operating rights owners to maintain records or provide information by means other than the submission of forms.

The recordkeeping and non-form information collection items required under various provisions of 43 CFR Part 3160 pertain to data submitted by the operator or operating rights owner. The information either provides data so that proposed operations may be approved or enables the monitoring of compliance with granted approval and is used to grant approval to begin or alter operations or to allow operations to continue. The specific requirements are listed by regulation section.

The information required under 43 CFR Part 3160 covers a broad range of possible operations, and rarely will any specific operator be required to obtain or provide each item. Many of the requirements are one-time filings used to gain approval to conduct a variety of oil and gas operations. Others are routine data submissions that are used to monitor production and ensure compliance with lease terms, regulations, Orders, Notices to Lessees, and conditions of approval. Production information from each producing lease is used to verify volumes and disposition of oil and gas produced on Federal and Indian lands. All recordkeeping burdens are associated with the non-form items requested.

Based on its experience managing the activities required by these regulations, BLM estimates the annual burden of each provision, including recordkeeping, as follows.

Regulatory information collection (43 CFR)	Description	Total burden hours	Total respondents
3162.3-1(a) .....	Well-Spacing Program .....	450	150
3162.3-1(e) .....	Drilling Plans .....	28,750	2,875
3162.6 .....	Well Markers .....	30	300
3162.5-2(b) .....	Direction Drilling .....	165	(5% of wells) 165
3162.4-2(a) .....	Drilling Tests, Logs, Surveys .....	330	(10% of wells) 330
3162.3-4(a) .....	Plug and Abandon for Water Injection .....	600	1,200
3162.3-4(b) .....	Plug and Abandon for Water Source .....	600	1,200
3162.7-1(d) .....	Additional Gas Flaring .....	400	400
3162.5-1(c) .....	Report of Spills, Discharges, or Other Undesirable Events .....	200	200
3162.5-1(b) .....	Disposal of Produced Water .....	3,000	1,500
3162.5-1(d) .....	Contingency Plan .....	1,000	50
3162.4-1(a) and 3162.7-5(d)(1) .....	Schematic/Facility Diagrams .....	28,851	2,350
3162.7-1(b) .....	Approval and Reporting of Oil in Pits .....	260	520

Regulatory information collection (43 CFR)	Description	Total burden hours	Total respondents
3164.1 (Order No. 3) ...	Prepare Run Tickets .....	15,000	90,000
3162.7-5(b) .....	Records on Seals .....	7,500	90,000
3165.1(a) .....	Application for Suspension .....	800	100
3165.3(b) .....	State Director Review .....	800	100
3162.7-5(c) .....	Site Security .....	7,454	2,415
Total .....	.....	96,190	193,855

The respondents already maintain the types of information collected for their own recordkeeping purposes and need only submit the required information. All information collections in the regulations at 43 CFR Part 3160 that do not require a form are covered by this notice. BLM intends to submit these information collections collectively for approval by the Office of Management and Budget, as they were originally submitted and approved.

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#### Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0135

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information from operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases who submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Form 3160-5). BLM uses the information collected to approve proposed operations and ensure compliance with granted approvals.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 28, 1996 to be considered.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Gamble, Compliance Team, Fluids Group, (202) 452-0340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

In accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359); the various Indian leasing acts; and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), BLM's regulations at 43 CFR 3162.3-2 require oil and gas operators on Federal and restricted Indian lands to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, in order to obtain authority to perform specific additional operations on a well

and to report the completion of such work. In addition, 43 CFR 3162.5-1 provides authority to require the operator to exercise diligence when disposing of produced waters. The specific data required on these forms concerns modifications to existing wells or construction requirements of produced water disposal pits. The regulation at 43 CFR 3162.3-2 divides the proposed action into three categories based on the nature of the impact. Some actions require submitting the form for approval prior to beginning work and again after completion of operations; other actions require submission only after completion; and still others do not require reporting.

All data is delivered to BLM by the operator or its agent. The data pertains to modifying operations conducted under the terms and provisions of an oil and gas lease (a contractual agreement between a lessee and the United States) for Federal or restricted Indian lands. The compilation of this data enables oversight and approval prior to any modifications to existing wells. In the case of a produced water disposal pit approval, this data provides the technical aspects of pit design to allow for sufficient water containment, thereby preventing unnecessary releases of produced water into the environment.

BLM estimates that approximately 34,000 notices will be filed annually with an estimated completion time of 25 minutes each, for a total annual burden of 14,166 hours. Respondents are operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. The frequency of response is variable depending on the type of activities conducted at oil and gas wells and on operational circumstances.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 3160-5 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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