

regional contacts before project submission.

This program is conducted in furtherance of the Secretary's obligations under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a-742j, as amended) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667e, as amended).

B. Background

The Biological Resources Division (BRD) of the U.S. Geological Survey gathers and analyzes biological information and serves as an information clearinghouse, providing broad access to the widest possible range of factual data on the status and trends of the Nation's biota and the potential effects of land management choices. This information serves public and private landowners who are interested in sustaining biological resources. It also provides understanding to help avoid conflicts that can both impede development and degrade natural habitats.

The Species at Risk Program will develop scientific information and alternatives to assist Federal State, and other land managers in their decisions regarding the protection of sensitive species and habitats.

C. Availability of Funds

Through this program, pre-proposals are invited for funding in Fiscal Year 1999 from non-Federal research, scientific or technical organizations. Total funding anticipated for the fiscal year is approximately \$375,000. Monies will be provided to successful applicants on a competitive basis. There is no minimum project cost; the maximum project cost; the maximum project cost will be \$80,000.

Funds for this program are not currently available. Funding of the program is contingent on a Fiscal Year 1999 appropriation.

D. Eligibility Requirements

Under the terms specified in the information package, pre-proposals will be accepted from State agencies, private and industry groups, academic institutions, and Native American Tribes and Nations. Pre-proposals will be evaluated in light of their relevance to an identified management need, partnership opportunities, potential for providing useful information to resources managers, potential for conservation agreements, possibilities for cost sharing, and demonstration of successful completion within 18 months of date of initiation. Possible selectees will then be invited to submit a full

project proposal for scientific peer review and consideration of funding.

E. Application Process

Parties interested in participating in this program should request an information package that will include detailed application forms, Federal Assistance forms (Standard Form 424, etc.), proposal format requirements, etc., from: *Mail:* Species at Risk Program, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 300, Reston, VA 20192, ATTN: Dr. Al Sherk, or *E-Mail:* Al_Sherk@usgs.gov or *Call:* (703) 648-4076.

F. Dates

Notice of interest in this program must be received by October 30, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice—Revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0058).

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to revise the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Submit written comments by October 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments and suggestions directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0058), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Send a copy of your comments to the Minerals Management Service, Attention: Rules Processing Team, Mail Stop 4024, 381 Elden Street Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexis London, Engineering and Operations Division, Minerals Management Service, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may obtain copies of the supporting statement and collection of information by contacting MMS' Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 208-7744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart I, Platforms and Structures.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0058.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS 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; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on offshore resources in the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Specifically, the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356) requires the issuance of " * * * regulations which require that any vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicles or structure— * * * (2) which is used for activities pursuant to this subchapter, comply, * * * with such minimum standards of design, construction, alteration, and repair as the Secretary * * * establishes; * * * " The OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332(6)) also states, "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner * * * to prevent or minimize the likelihood of * * * physical obstruction to other users of the water 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, MMS has issued regulations at 30 CFR part 250. This collection of information pertains to subpart I, Platforms and Structures, and related Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs).

Respondents submit information on, and maintain records of, the design, fabrication, installation, use, and inspection of all platforms and structures on the OCS. The MMS regional offices use this information to ensure the structural integrity for the safe conduct of drilling, workover, and production operations, considering the specific environmental conditions at the platform location, and to ensure that such integrity will be maintained throughout the useful life of the

structures. We also use the information to ensure that any object (wellheads, platforms, etc.) installed in the OCS is properly removed and the site cleared so as not to conflict with or harm other users of the OCS.

Proprietary information will be protected under 30 CFR 250.118, Data

and information to be made available to the public. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. The requirement to respond is mandatory.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 130 Federal oil and gas or sulphur lessees.
Frequency: On occasion and annual.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 24,743 reporting and 7,150 recordkeeping burden hours (see chart below).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden: None.

BURDEN BREAKDOWN

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart I & related NTLs	Requirement	Average number per year	Burden per reqmnt. (hours)	Annual burden hours
900(b), (g); 901; 902; 909(b)(4)(iii)	Submit application and plans for new platform or major modifications and notice to MMS..	351 applications	24	8,425
900(e)	Request approval for major repairs of damage to platform and notice to MMS..	5 requests	12	60
900(f)	Request approval for reuse or conversion of use of existing fixed or mobile platforms.	35 requests	18.5	1 648
903(a), (b)	Submit nominations for Certified Verification Agent (CVA)..	24 nominations	5	120
903(a)(1), (2), (3)	Submit interim and final CVA reports.	36 reports	200	7,200
912(a)	Request inspection interval that exceeds 5 years..	14 requests	20	280
912(b)	Submit annual report of platforms inspected and summary of testing results..	130 lessees	45	5,850
913(a), (b) Related NTLs	Submit plan for platform and structure removal and site clearance and exception requests..	120 plans	6	720
913(c) Related NTLs	Submit results of location clearance survey. ...	120 reports	12	1,440
Total Reporting	835 responses	24,743
909, 911, 912, 914	Recordkeeping Requirement: Maintain records on as-built structural drawings, design assumptions and analyses, summary of nondestructive examination records, inspection results, etc., for the functional life of the platform..	143 platform	50	7,150

¹ Rounded.

Comments

Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act 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 approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond

after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by October 30, 1998.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Milltown Hill Project, Douglas County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of the supplement to the final environmental statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is canceling work under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on the Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Milltown Hill Project. A notice of intent to prepare a supplemental FEIS for the project was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 67890, December 30, 1997). Douglas County (County) Oregon, the project applicant, has suspended its plans to develop a dam and reservoir at the Milltown Hill site on Elk Creek above Drain, Oregon. The County has been unsuccessful in obtaining a waiver from the State of Oregon to forego the construction of fish passage facilities at the proposed Milltown Hill Dam.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, ID 83706-1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the project contact Robert Hamilton, telephone (208) 378-5087. For information regarding the