

created to eliminate unnecessary paperwork to the benefit of respondents. We are proposing to make this form official and will request OMB approval of form MMS-133, Drilling Activity Report, for mandatory use in submitting the required information. The submission frequency will be prescribed by the individual regions; most likely weekly in the GOMR and daily in the Pacific and Alaska Regions.

We use this information to monitor the conditions of a well and status of drilling operations. Specifically, the District Office drilling engineers review the information to be aware of the well conditions and current drilling activity (i.e., well depth, drilling fluid weight, casing types and setting depths, completed well logs, and recent safety equipment tests and drills). The engineers use this information to determine how accurately the lessee anticipated well conditions and if the lessee is following the approved application for permit to drill (APD).

The information is also used by the engineers and District Supervisor when a lessee requests to revise an APD. With this information at hand, they can analyze the proposed revision to the APD (i.e., revised grade of casing or deeper casing setting depth) and make a quick and informed decision on the request.

Failure to collect this information would prevent the Director from carrying out the mandate of the OCS Lands Act that operations in the OCS be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner. The Drilling Activity Report provides direct information about how lessees conduct drilling operations. Without this information, we would have great difficulty in monitoring drilling operations to ensure that lessees conduct proper drilling operations. An alternative to requiring drilling activity reports would be for us to conduct many more onsite inspections to monitor drilling activities. However, the additional inspectors and helicopters to transport them would not be efficient or cost effective. Furthermore, lessees would likely experience delays in obtaining timely approvals to revise drilling plans because District Offices would not have current and complete information on these operations.

We will protect proprietary information submitted according to the Freedom of Information Act; 30 CFR 250.118, "Data and information to be made available to the public;" and 30 CFR Part 252, "OCS Oil and Gas Information Program." No items of a sensitive nature are collected.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the average burden per form is 1/2 hour and respondents will submit approximately 3,500 forms annually, for a total annual burden of 1,750 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden: We have identified no information collection cost burdens for these collections of information.

Comments: We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Based on your comments and our consultations with a representative sample of respondents, we will adjust the burden estimate as necessary in our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, we assume that respondents perform many of the requirements and maintain records in the normal course of their activities. We consider these usual and customary and take that into account in estimating the burden.

(1) We specifically solicit your comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for us to properly perform our functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting and recordkeeping "cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We need to know if you have costs associated with the collection of this information for either total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. 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, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include 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.

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

Dated: March 10, 1999.

John V. Mirabella,

Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of revision and renewal of currently approved information collection (1010-0044).

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on our proposal to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the revised information collection Form MMS-123, Application for Permit to Drill (APD). The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) 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 OMB control number.

DATE: Submit written comments by May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy

of the information collection form at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title (OMB Control Numbers): Form MMS-123, Application for Permit to Drill (1010-0044).

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, requires the Secretary of the Interior to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS; make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resources development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environment; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources offshore; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

To carry out these responsibilities, we issued rules governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the OCS under 30 CFR 250. Sections 250.414, 250.513, and 250.1617 require the lessees to submit form MMS-123 and supplemental information to the District Supervisors for approval based upon the adequacy of the equipment, materials, and/or procedures that the lessee plans to use to safely perform drilling, well-completion, well-workover, and well-abandonment operations.

In reviewing our regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart D, "Drilling Operations", it became apparent that much of the supplemental information respondents submit with form MMS-123 lends itself to a uniform, consistent format. We have revised the form MMS-123 accordingly and will submit it to OMB for approval as a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection. To reiterate, the information to be submitted on revised form MMS-123 is not new information, but the same information required in current regulations, but submitted in a consistent format.

We use the information on form MMS-123 to determine the conditions of a drilling site to avoid hazards inherent in drilling operations. Specifically, the appropriate MMS District Office uses the information to evaluate the adequacy of a lessee's drilling and well completion plans and equipment to determine if the proposed operations will be conducted in an operationally safe manner that provides adequate protection for the environment. The District Office also reviews the information to ensure conformance with specific provisions of the lease. The information on form MMS-123 provides our District Offices and drilling engineers with a technical summary of the information submitted

with the APD. This technical summary includes the casing, cement, drilling fluid, and blowout preventer testing programs for each well. This greatly aids in the efficient review and approval of APDs. We also believe the successful use of the revised form will help pave the way for future electronic submissions of APDs.

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Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the average burden per application form is 4 hours and that approximately 1,000 applications are submitted annually. This is an increase to the previous burden estimate for form MMS-123 because it takes into consideration the burden for a complete application for permit to drill. The burden now includes the supporting supplemental information that respondents submit, as well as the burden for the revised form.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects in the Possession of the National Park Service, Pecos National Historical Park, Pecos, NM

AGENCY: National Park Service DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Native