

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 nonform 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 nonform items requested.

Based on its experience managing the activities required by these regulations,

BLM estimates the average public reporting burden of each provision for the information collection, including recordkeeping, ranges from about 10 minutes to 16 hours per response, depending on which information is required. The respondents are operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. The frequency of response varies from one-time-only to occasionally to routine, depending on activities conducted on oil and gas leases and on operational circumstances. The number of responses per year is estimated to total 193,855. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 96,885. BLM is specifically requesting your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that it takes to prepare a response. The table below summarizes our estimates.

Information collection (43 CFR)	Requirement	Hours per response	Burden hours	Respondents
3162.3–1(a) .....	Well-Spacing Program .....	.5	75	150
3162.3–1(e) .....	Drilling Plans .....	8	23,000	2,875
3162.6 .....	Well Markers .....	.5	150	300
3162.5–2(b) .....	Direction Drilling .....	1	165	165
3162.4–2(a) .....	Drilling Tests, Logs, Surveys .....	1	330	1,330
3162.3–4(a) .....	Plug and Abandon for Water Injection .....	1.5	1,800	1,200
3162.3–4(b) .....	Plug and Abandon for Water Source .....	1.5	1,800	1,200
3162.7–1(d) .....	Additional Gas Flaring .....	1	400	400
3162.5–1(c) .....	Report of Spills, Discharges, or Other Undesirable Events ..	2	400	200
3162.5–1(b) .....	Disposal of Produced Water .....	2	3,000	1,500
3162.5–1(d) .....	Contingency Plan .....	16	800	50
3162.4–1(a) and 3162.7–5(d)(1) .....	Schematic/Facility Diagrams .....	4	9,400	2,350
3162.7–1(b) .....	Approval and Reporting of Oil in Pits .....	.5	260	520
3164.1 (Order No. 3) .....	Prepare Run Tickets .....	.2	18,000	90,000
3162.7–5(b) .....	Records on Seals .....	.2	18,000	90,000
3165.1(a) .....	Application for Suspension .....	8	800	100
3165.3(b) .....	State Director Review .....	16	1,600	100
3162.7–5(c) .....	Site Security .....	7	16,905	2,415
Totals .....	.....	.....	96,885	193,855

<sup>1</sup> Or 5% of wells.

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.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 16, 2000.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**Minerals Management Service (MMS) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Region, Proposed Use of Floating Production, Storage and Offloading Systems on the Central and Western GOM OCS**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Correction to the Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and locations and dates of public hearings for the EIS on the proposed use of floating production, storage and offloading

(FPSO) systems on the Central and Western GOM OCS.

On August 15, 2000, the MMS in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 49829) a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS and Locations and Dates of Public Hearings for the EIS on the Proposed Use of FPSO Systems on the Central and Western GOM OCS. The Notice identified the dates and locations of public hearings to be held at four locations along the GOM coast. The dates of those public hearings are incorrect. The correct dates are:

- Monday, September 18, Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama;
- Tuesday, September 19, Radisson Inn New Orleans International Airport, 2150 Veterans Boulevard, Kenner, Louisiana;
- Wednesday, September 20, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Hobby Airport Houston, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas;
- Thursday, September 21, Best Western Richmond Suites, 2600 Moeling Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

All other items in the August 15, 2000, Notice of Availability remain as stated.

Dated: August 17, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for its technical training program nomination form and request for payment of travel and per diem form.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 23, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collection that OSM will be submitting to OMB for approval.

OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for the information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will be included in OSM's submissions of the information collection requests to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

**Title:** Technical Training Program Non-Federal Nomination Form and Request for Payment of Travel and Per Diem Form.

**OMB Control Number:** None.

**Summary:** The information is used to identify and evaluate the training courses requested by students to enhance their job performance, to calculate the number of classes and instructors needed to complete OSM's technical training mission, and to estimate costs to the training program.

**Bureau Form Numbers:** OSM 105, OSM 140.

**Frequency of Collection:** Once.

**Description of Respondents:** State and Tribal regulatory and reclamation employees and industry personnel.

**Total Annual Responses:** 1,600.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 134 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Public Meeting; Concerning Heavy Duty Diesel Engine Consent Decrees

The Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency announce a public meeting to be held on September 13, 2000 at 10 a.m. at 1425 New York Ave., N.W., 13th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC. The subject of the meeting will be implementation of the provisions of seven consent decrees signed by the United States and diesel engine manufacturers and entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on July 1, 1999 (*United States v. Caterpillar*, Case No. 1:98CV02544; *United States v. Cummins Engine Company*, Case No. 1:98CV02546; *United States v. Detroit Diesel Corporation*, Case No. 1:98CV02548; *United States v. Volvo Truck Corporation*, Case No. 1:98CV02547; *United States v. Mack Trucks, Inc.*, Case No. 1:98CV01495; and *United States v. Renault Vehicules Industries, S.A.*, Case No. 1:98CV02543). In supporting entry by the Court of the decrees, the United States committed to meet with states, industry groups, environmental groups, and concerned citizens to discuss consent decree implementation issues. This will be the fifth of a series of public meetings to be held quarterly during the first year of implementation of the consent decrees and at least annually thereafter. Future meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register** and/or on EPA's Diesel Engine Settlement web page at: [www.epa.gov/oeca/ore/aed/diesel](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ore/aed/diesel).

For further information, please contact: Anne Wick, EPA Diesel Engine Consent Decree Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Mail Code 2242A), EPA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20460, e-mail: [WICK.ANNE@EPA.GOV](mailto:WICK.ANNE@EPA.GOV).

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