

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Department of the Interior announces that it has forwarded a Paperwork Reduction Act submission to OMB to request public comments on this submission. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DOI is below parity with the Relevant Civilian Labor Force representation for many mission critical occupations. The Department's Strategic Human Capital Management Plan identifies the job skills that will be needed in our current and future workforce. The job skills we will need are dispersed throughout our eight bureaus and include, among others, making visitors welcome to various facilities, such as parks and refuges, processing permits for a wide variety of uses of the public lands, collecting royalties for minerals extracted from the public lands, rounding-up and adopting-out wild horses and burros found in the west, protecting archaeological and cultural resources of the public lands, and enforcing criminal laws of the United States. As a result of this broad spectrum of duties and services, the Department touches the lives of most Americans.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice in order to assure their maximum consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel Bowser, (202) 208-5549, Assistant Director for Workforce Diversity and Evaluation. The collection instrument is also available on the internet at: http://www.doi.gov/diversity/doc/di_1935.pdf. Respondents may also obtain hard copies of the DI 1935 form and the Department of the Interior's submission to OMB.

Brief Description: In order to determine if there are barriers in our recruitment and selection processes, we must track the demographic groups that apply for our jobs. There is no other statistically valid method to make these determinations, and no source of this

information other than directly from applicants. The data collected is not provided to selecting officials and plays no part in the merit staffing or the selection processes. The data collected will be used in summary form to determine trends covering the demographic make-up of applicant pools and job selections within a given occupation or organizational group. The records of those applicants not selected are destroyed in accordance with the Department's records management process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Department of the Interior Applicant Background Survey.

Type of Request: Extension of collection approved under OMB Control No.: 1091-0001.

Description of Respondents: Individuals seeking employment.

Annual Responses: 560,000.

Burden: 46,480 hours total (5 minutes per response).

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be addressed to: Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. In addition, please provide a copy of your comments to Samuel Bowser, at the contact address.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; Notice of Revised Meeting Locations and Times

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of rescheduled meetings locations and times for the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (Nevada).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), meetings of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), Nevada, will be held as indicated

below. Topics for discussion at each meeting will include, but are not limited to: April 29-30, 2003 (Fallon, Nevada)-recreational use and tourism promotion of public lands in western Nevada by State of Nevada agencies, Sand Mountain Fee Demonstration Project (including a field trip to Sand Mountain), subcommittee presentation of the Black Rock-High Rock NCA Resource Management Plan, staff update on the Pine Nut Mountains RMP Amendment, and a report on planning progress for the Mustang Ranch; and July 15-17, 2003 (Winnemucca, Nevada)-aspen clone habitat degradation and future management, Sage Grouse program review, field office reports on land fills/mine reclamation, and inspection of riparian habitat sites including an overnight camping trip in the Winnemucca Field Office area. Manager's reports of field office activities will be given at each meeting. The council may raise other topics at any of the two planned meetings.

These two rescheduled meetings are replacing dates/locations originally published in the **Federal Register** for April 24-25 (Reno, Nevada) and July 24-25 (Winnemucca, Nevada).

Dates & Times: The RAC will now meet on April 29-30 (Tuesday and Wednesday), at the Fallon Convention Center (Oasis Room), 100 Campus Way, Fallon, Nevada (including a field trip to the Sand Mountain Recreation Area); and on July 15-17 (Tuesday through Thursday), at the BLM-Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada (including an overnight field trip on July 16—details to be outlined by July 1, 2003). All meetings and field trips are open to the public. Each meeting will last from approximately 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., plus, a general public comment period, where the public may submit oral or written comments to the RAC, will be at 4 p.m. on the first day of each meeting, unless otherwise listed in each specific, final meeting agenda.

Final detailed agendas, with any additions/corrections to agenda topics, locations, field trips and meeting times, will be available on the internet at least 14 days before each meeting, at www.nv.blm.gov/rac; hard copies can also be mailed or sent via FAX. Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish a hard copy of each agenda, should contact Mark Struble, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, telephone (775) 885-6107 no later than 10 days prior to each meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: February 24, 2003.

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Field Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection****Activities: Proposed Collection,
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension and revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0138).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on an information collection request (ICR) that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR is titled "30 CFR part 206, Subpart B, Establishing Oil Value on Royalty Due on Indian Leases".

DATES: Submit written comments on or before April 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments directly to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, CO, 80225. If you use overnight courier, the address is Building 85, Room A614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also email your comments to mrm.comments@mms.gov. Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the "Attention" line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-mail sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 206 Subpart B, Establishing Oil Value on Royalty Due on Indian Leases.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0138.

Abstract: The Secretary of the U.S.

Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands, collect the royalties due, and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The Secretary also has an Indian Trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out DOI's Indian trust responsibility.

On December 20, 1995, MMS published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (60 FR 65610) regarding valuation of oil from Federal and Indian leases. In the notice, we asked all interested parties to submit and/or comment on alternate methodologies for valuing oil production. Additionally, we asked for comments related to "significant quantities" in valuation determinations.

Although industry generally had no comments due to pending litigation on this issue, many States and Indian organizations generally believed the current system is outdated and a new system based on either the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) or spot prices would be more appropriate. In response to these concerns, we published a proposed rule on February 12, 1998 (63 FR 7089), revising the current Indian oil valuation regulations. This proposed rule "Establishing Oil Value for Royalty Due on Indian Leases," added more certainty to valuation of oil produced from Indian lands and eliminated any direct reliance on posted prices.

Then, MMS proposed further changes to its proposed rule regarding the valuation, for royalty purposes, of crude oil produced from Indian leases by publishing a supplementary proposed rule on January 5, 2000 (65 FR 403).

This supplementary proposed rule established a new form—Form MMS-4416, Indian Crude Oil Valuation Report, for collecting value and value differential data. OMB approved the use of this proposed Form MMS-4416 and assigned OMB Control Number 1010-0113. Currently, MMS is seeking OMB's approval to renew the reporting requirements for this form until a final rule is published.

MMS is now requesting OMB to renew its approval for the reporting requirements under the proposed and supplementary proposed rules until a final rule is published. We are also

seeking OMB's approval for the existing requirements in 30 CFR part 206, Subpart B, that were overlooked. This notice gives the public an opportunity to comment on the reporting requirements in the proposed and supplementary proposed rules that OMB approved on February 2, 2000, and to also comment on the existing requirements that were inadvertently overlooked and not included in an OMB-approved ICR.

MMS has announced in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2003 (68 FR 7086), the dates, places, and times for workshops on issues related to the existing rules published March 15, 2000, effective June 1, 2000, governing the valuation for royalty purposes of crude oil produced from Federal leases. The workshops will address, among other things, issues related to calculation of transportation allowances (including the rate of return allowed for calculating actual costs under non-arm's-length transportation arrangements), timing and application of published index prices, and calculation of location and quality differentials under certain circumstances.

Because of the substantive overlap between these issues and issues involved in the proposed rule on Indian oil valuation, and to give persons interested in Indian lease issues an opportunity to participate in the workshops, MMS is reopening the comment period for 60 days on the proposed rule on Indian oil valuation so it can include in the record any relevant comments received. MMS can then consider those comments as they might apply to the Indian oil valuation rule.

Frequency of Response: Annually and monthly.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 236 Companies paying royalties on oil produced from tribal and allotted Indian leases.

- 225 respondents under proposed and supplementary proposed rules, and
- 11 respondents under current regulations.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 6,980 Hours

- 6,680 hours under proposed and supplementary proposed rules, and
- 300 hours under current regulations.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour" Cost Burden: We have identified no "non-hour" cost burdens.

The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens for the proposed rule, supplementary proposed rule, and the