

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI). This information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0114, which expires August 31, 2015.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 24, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395–5806 or you may send an email to: *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please send a copy of your comments to: Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW., Mailstop 4657–MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208–3312; or email to: *Jacquelyn.Cheek@bie.edu*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, phone: (202) 208–6983. You may review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The BIE is requesting renewal of OMB approval for the admission forms for Haskell and SIPI. These admission forms are used in determining program eligibility of American Indian and Alaska Native students for educational services. These forms are utilized pursuant to the Blood Quantum Act, Public Law 99–228; the Synder Act, chapter 115, Public Law 67–85; and, the Indian Appropriations of the 48th Congress, chapter 180, page 91, For Support of Schools, July 4, 1884.

##### II. Request for Comments

On April 23, 2015, the BIA published a notice announcing the renewal of this information collection and provided a 60-day comment period in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 22739). There were no comments received in response to this notice.

The BIE requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection 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 (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to

be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1076–0114.

*Title:* Application for Admission to Haskell Indian Nations University and to Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

*Brief Description of Collection:* Submission of these eligibility application forms is mandatory in determining a student's eligibility for educational services. The information is collected on two forms: Application for Admission to Haskell form and SIPI form.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Students.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,000 per year, on average.

*Frequency of Response:* Once per year for Haskell; each trimester for SIPI.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes per Haskell application; 30 minutes per SIPI application.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 2,000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost:* \$12,360 is the estimated total annual cost burden. We estimate 1,000 Haskell applications at \$10 filing fee per application. There is no fee to apply to SIPI. In addition, we included the mailing costs associated with submitting applications to Haskell and SIPI.

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*Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Office of Natural Resources Revenue

[Docket No. ONRR–2011–0019; DS63610000 DR2PS0000.CH7000 156D0102R2]

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Accounts Receivable Confirmations—OMB Control Number 1012–0001; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), ONRR is inviting comments on a collection of information requests that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This Information Collection Request (ICR) covers the paperwork requirements under the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (CFO).

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before October 26, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this ICR to ONRR by using one of the following three methods (please reference “ICR 1012–0001” in your comments):

1. Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter “ONRR–2011–0019” and then click “Search.” Follow the instructions to submit public comments. ONRR will post all comments.

2. Mail comments to Mr. Luis Aguilar, Regulatory Specialist, ONRR, P.O. Box 25165, MS 61030A, Denver, Colorado 80225–0165.

3. Hand-carry or mail comments, using an overnight courier service, to ONRR. Our courier address is Building 85, Room A–614, Denver Federal Center, West 6th Ave. and Kipling St., Denver, Colorado 80225.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on technical issues, contact Mr. Hans Meingast, Financial Management, MRM, ONRR, telephone (303) 231–3382 or email at [hans.meingast@onrr.gov](mailto:hans.meingast@onrr.gov). For other questions, contact Mr. Luis Aguilar, telephone (303) 231–3418, or email at [luis.aguilar@onrr.gov](mailto:luis.aguilar@onrr.gov). You may also contact Mr. Aguilar to obtain copies, at no cost, of (1) the ICR, (2) any associated form, and (3) the regulations that require us to collect the information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior is responsible

for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands and the Outer-Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary's responsibility, under various laws, is to manage mineral resource production from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collect the royalties and other mineral revenues due, and distribute the funds collected under those laws. ONRR performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

We have posted those laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands and the OCS at [http://www.onrr.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/PubLaws/default.htm](http://www.onrr.gov/Laws_R_D/PubLaws/default.htm).

Minerals produced from Federal and Indian leases vary greatly in the nature of occurrence, production, and processing methods. When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share in an amount or value of production from the leased lands. The regulations require the lessee to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling such minerals. The information we collect includes data necessary to ensure that lessees accurately value production and appropriately pay royalties.

Companies submit financial information monthly to ONRR on Forms ONRR-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance (OMB Control Number 1012-0004), and ONRR-4430, Solid Minerals Production and Royalty Report (OMB Control Number 1012-0010).

Every year, under the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), the Department's Office of Inspector General, or its agent (agent), audits the Department's financial statements. The Department's goal is to receive an unqualified opinion. Accounts receivable confirmations are a common practice in the audit business. Due to continuously increasing scrutiny on financial audits, third-party confirmation of the validity of ONRR's financial records is necessary.

As part of the CFO audit, the agent selects a sample of accounts receivable items and provides the sample items to ONRR. ONRR then identifies the company names and addresses for the sample items selected, and creates accounts receivable confirmation letters. In order to meet the CFO requirements, the letters must be on ONRR letterhead; and the Deputy Director for ONRR, or

his or her designee, must sign the letters. The letter requests third-party confirmation responses by a specified date on whether or not ONRR's accounts receivable records agree with royalty payor records for the following items: Customer identification; royalty/invoice number; payor-assigned document number; date of ONRR receipt; original amount the payor reported; and remaining balance due ONRR. The agent mails the letters to the payors, instructing them to respond directly to the agent to confirm the accuracy and validity of selected royalty receivable items and amounts. Verifying the amounts reported and the balances due requires research and analysis by payors.

We are requesting OMB's approval to continue to collect this information. Not collecting this information would limit the Secretary's ability to discharge the duties of the office. ONRR protects proprietary information that payors submit, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

## II. Data

*Title:* Accounts Receivable Confirmations.

*OMB Control Number:* 1012-0001.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 24 randomly selected Federal and Indian oil and gas and solid mineral royalty payors.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 6 hours. We estimate that each response will take 15 minutes for payors to complete.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour" Cost Burden:* We have identified no "non-hour cost" burden associated with this collection of information.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) 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.

## III. Request for Comments

Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires each agency to " \* \* \* provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** \* \* \* 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.

The PRA also requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting "non-hour cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. If you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. 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, 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.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our ICR submission for OMB approval, including appropriate adjustments to the estimated burden. We will provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request. We also will post the ICR on our Web site at [http://www.onrr.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/ICR0162.htm](http://www.onrr.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/ICR0162.htm).

*Public Comment Policy:* ONRR will post all comments, including names and addresses of respondents at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Before including Personally Identifiable Information (PII), such as your address, phone number, email address, or other personal information in your comment(s), you should be aware that your entire comment (including PII) may be made available to the public at any time. While you may ask us, in your comment, to withhold PII from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. 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 control number.

Dated: August 13, 2015.

**Gregory J. Gould,**

*Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Natural Resources Revenue

[Docket No. ONRR-2011-0025; DS63610000 DR2PS0000.CH7000 156D0102R2]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Delegated and Cooperative Activities With States and Indian Tribes—OMB Control Number 1012- 0003; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of an existing Information Collection.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) is notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR parts 1227, 1228, and 1229. This notice also provides the public with a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove this information collection request but may respond after 30 days; therefore, you should submit your public comments to OMB by September 24, 2015 for the assurance of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your written comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1012-0003), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, by email to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or telefax at (202) 395-5806. Please also mail a copy of your comments to Mr. Luis Aguilar, Regulatory Specialist, ONRR, P.O. Box 25165, MS 61030A, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165, or email [Luis.Aguilar@onrr.gov](mailto:Luis.Aguilar@onrr.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1012-0003 in your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on technical issues, contact Peter Hanley, State and Tribal Support, ONRR, at (303) 231-3721, or via email to [peter.hanley@onrr.gov](mailto:peter.hanley@onrr.gov). For other

questions, contact Mr. Luis Aguilar, at (303) 231-3418, or via email to [luis.aguilar@onrr.gov](mailto:luis.aguilar@onrr.gov). You may also contact Mr. Aguilar to obtain copies (free of charge) of (1) the ICR, (2) any associated forms, and (3) the regulations that require the subject collection of information. You may also review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Abstract

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953 (OCS Lands Act), Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, and Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982, the Secretary is required to manage mineral resource production on Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collect the royalties and other mineral revenues due, and distribute the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has a trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and to seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. ONRR performs the minerals revenue management functions for the Secretary and assists the Secretary in carrying out the Department's trust responsibility for Indian lands. Public laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands and the OCS are available at [http://www.onrr.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm](http://www.onrr.gov/Laws_R_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm).

When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share (royalty) of the value received from production on leased lands. The lessee, or the designee, must report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling such minerals. The information that ONRR collects includes data necessary to ensure that the lessee accurately values and appropriately pays all royalties and other mineral revenues due.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), which the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 amended, authorizes the Secretary to develop delegated and cooperative

agreements with States (30 U.S.C. 1735, sect. 205) and Indian Tribes (30 U.S.C. 1732, sect. 202) to conduct certain inspections, audits, investigations, or limited enforcement activities for oil and gas leases within their respective boundaries. The States and Indian Tribes are working partners and are an integral part of the overall onshore and offshore compliance effort. The Appropriations Act of 1992 also authorizes the States and Tribes to perform the same functions for coal and other solid mineral leases.

This collection of information is necessary in order to verify that States and Tribes are able to effectively conduct audits and related investigations of Federal and Indian oil, gas, coal, any other solid minerals, and geothermal royalty revenues from Federal and Tribal leased lands. Relevant parts of the regulations include 30 CFR parts 1227, 1228, and 1229, as described below:

Title 30 CFR part 1227—Delegation to States provides procedures to delegate certain Federal minerals revenue management functions to States for Federal oil and gas leases. This regulation also provides only audit and investigation functions to States for Federal geothermal and solid mineral leases, and leases subject to section 8(g) of the OCS Lands Act, within their State boundaries. In order for ONRR to consider a State for such delegation, the State must submit a written proposal to, and receive approval from, the ONRR Director. States also must provide periodic accounting documentation to ONRR, including an annual work plan and quarterly reimbursement vouchers.

Title 30 CFR part 1228—Cooperative Activities with States and Indian Tribes, provides procedures for Indian Tribes to carry out audits and related investigations of their respective leased lands. The Tribe must submit a written proposal to ONRR in order to enter into a cooperative agreement. The proposal must outline the activities that the Tribe will undertake and must present evidence that the Tribe can meet the Secretary's standards in order for the Tribe to conduct the activities. The Tribe also must submit an annual work plan and budget, as well as quarterly reimbursement vouchers.

Title 30 CFR part 1229—Delegation to States provides procedures for States to carry out audits and related investigations of leased Indian lands within their respective State boundaries by permission of the respective Indian Tribal councils or individual Indian mineral owners. The State must receive the Secretary's delegation of authority and submit annual audit work plans