

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

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension and revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0050).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by May 31, 2002.

**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 at no cost of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR 250, Subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0050, incorporating 1010-0134.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Section 1334(e) authorizes the Secretary to grant rights-of-way through the submerged lands of the OCS for pipelines "for the transportation of oil, natural gas, sulphur, or other minerals, or under such regulations and upon

such conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary, \* \* \* including (as provided in section 1347(b) of this title) assuring maximum environmental protection by utilization of the best available and safest technologies, including the safest practices for pipeline burial. \* \* \*

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 (IOAA), 31 U.S.C. 9701, authorizes Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that provide special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior's (DOI) policy implementing the IOAA, MMS is required to charge the full cost for services that provide special benefits or privileges to an identifiable non-Federal recipient above and beyond those which accrue to the public at large. Pipeline rights-of-way and assignments are subject to cost recovery and MMS regulations specify filing fees for applications.

This notice concerns the reporting and recordkeeping elements of 30 CFR 250, subpart J and related Notices to Lessees and Operators. OMB approved the information collection requirements in current subpart J regulations under control numbers 1010-0050 and 1010-0134. The first is the primary collection for subpart J. The latter was approved in connection with a final rule amending § 250.1000(c) to clarify regulatory issues involving the 1996 Memorandum of Understanding between DOI and the Department of Transportation (DOT). Our submission will consolidate these two subpart J collections under 1010-0050. Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. MMS will protect proprietary information according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2), 30 CFR 250.196 (Data and information to be made available to the public) and 30 CFR part 252 (OCS Oil and Gas Information Program).

The lessees and transmission companies design the pipelines that they install, maintain, and operate. To ensure those activities are performed in a safe manner, MMS needs information concerning the proposed pipeline and safety equipment, inspections and tests, and natural and manmade hazards near

the proposed pipeline route. MMS field offices use the information collected under subpart J to review pipeline designs prior to approving an application for a right-of-way or a pipeline permitted under a lease to ensure that the pipeline, as constructed, will provide for safe transportation of minerals through the submerged lands of the OCS. They review proposed routes of a right-of-way to ensure that the right-of-way, if granted, would not conflict with any State requirements or unduly interfere with other OCS activities. MMS field offices review plans for taking pipeline safety equipment out of service to ensure alternate measures are used that will properly provide for the safety of the pipeline and associated facilities (platform, etc.). They review notification of relinquishment of a right-of-way grant and requests to abandon pipelines to ensure that all legal obligations are met and pipelines are properly abandoned. MMS inspectors monitor the records on pipeline inspections and tests to ensure safety of operations and protection of the environment and to schedule their workload to permit witnessing and inspecting operations. Information is also necessary to determine the point at which DOI or DOT has regulatory responsibility for a pipeline and to be informed of the responsible operator if not the same as the right-of-way holder.

*Frequency:* The frequency of reporting is on occasion or annual.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulphur lessees and 106 holders of pipeline rights-of way.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* The currently approved "hour" burden for the two subpart J information collections is a combined total of 79,086 hours. The following chart details the individual paperwork components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of business. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in our estimates.

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart J	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Burden per requirement (hrs)
1000(b), 1007(a) .....	Submit application to install new lease term pipeline (P/L), including exceptions/departures .....	140
1000(b), (d); 1007(a); 1009(a)(1), (b)(1); 1010; 1011.	Apply for P/L right-of-way (ROW) grant and installation of new ROW P/L, including exceptions/departures .	140
1000(b); 1007(b); 1010; 1012(b)(2), (c) .	Submit application to modify lease-term or ROW P/L, including exceptions/departures; notify operators of deviation .	40

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart J	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Burden per requirement (hrs)
1000(b); 1006(a); 1007(c) .	Apply to abandon lease-term P/L, including exceptions/departures .....	8
1000(b); 1006(a); 1007(c); 1009(c)(9); 1014.	Apply to abandon ROW P/L and relinquish P/L ROW grant, including exceptions/departures .....	8
1000(c)(2) .....	Identify in writing P/L operator on ROW if different from ROW grant holder .....	1/4
1000(c)(4) .....	Petition to MMS for exceptions to general operations transfer point description .....	5
1000(c)(8) .....	Request MMS recognize valves landward of last production facility but still located on OCS as point where MMS regulatory authority begins .	1/2
1000(c)(12) .....	Petition to MMS to continue to operate under DOT regs upstream of last valve on last production facility .	40
1000(c)(13) .....	Transportation P/L operators petition to DOT and MMS to continue to operate under MMS regs .....	40
1004(c) .....	Place sign on safety equipment identified as ineffective and removed from service. See footnote <sup>1</sup>	
1005(a) .....	Inspect P/L routes for indication of leakage <sup>1</sup> , record results, maintain records 2 years <sup>2</sup> .....	20
1008(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h) .	Notify MMS and submit report on P/L or P/L safety equipment repair, removal from service, analysis results, or potential measurements .	16
1008(b) .....	Submit P/L construction report .....	16
1008(g) .....	Submit plan of corrective action and report of remedial action .....	16
1009(b) .....	Submit surety bond on form MMS-2030 .....	1/4
1009(c)(4) .....	Notify MMS of any archaeological resource discovery .....	4
1009(c)(8) .....	Make available to MMS design, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair records on ROW area and improvements <sup>2</sup> .	10
1010(a) .....	Apply to convert lease-term P/L to ROW grant P/L; notify operators of deviation, including various exceptions/departures .	12
1011(d) .....	Request opportunity to eliminate conflict when application has been rejected .....	1
1013 .....	Apply for assignment of a ROW grant .....	12
1000-1014 .....	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart J regulations .	2

<sup>1</sup> These activities are usual and customary practices for prudent operators.

<sup>2</sup> Retaining these records is usual and customary business practice; required burden is minimal.

#### *Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"*

**Burden:** The currently approved non-hour cost burden for collection 1010-0050 is \$332,000; there was no non-hour cost burden under 1010-0134. Section 250.1010(a) specifies that an applicant must pay a non-refundable filing fee when applying for a pipeline right-of-way grant to install a new pipeline (\$2,350) or to convert an existing lease-term pipeline into a right-of-way pipeline (\$300). Under § 250.1013(b) an applicant must pay a non-refundable filing fee (\$60) when applying for approval of an assignment of a right-of-way grant.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

**Comments:** Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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 collected; and (d) minimize the burden on respondents, including automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the "non-hour cost" burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Except as noted above for application filing fees required in §§ 250.1010(a) and 250.1013(b), we have identified no other non-hour cost burdens. Therefore, 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, 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 1 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 submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

**Public Comment Policy:** Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from

individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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

Dated: February 12, 2002.

**William S. Hauser,**

*Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board; Announcement of Plenary Session

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Advisory Board OCS Scientific Committee will meet at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Alexandria, Virginia.

**DATES:** Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday April 24, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursday, April 25, from 8:30 to noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The Holiday Inn and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone (703) 548-6300.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert L. LaBelle or Ms. Julie Reynolds at the address or phone numbers listed below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS Scientific Committee is an outside group of scientists which advises the Director, MMS, on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific merit of the MMS OCS Environmental Studies Program as it relates to information needed for informed OCS decisionmaking.

The Committee will meet in plenary session on Tuesday, April 23. Presentations will be made by the Director, MMS, the Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management, and a representative from the OCS Policy Committee. After these presentations, the rest of the day will be filled by presentations from the MMS regional studies chiefs on their research priorities and needs in the context of regional decisionmaking.

On Wednesday, April 24, the Committee will meet in discipline subcommittee breakout sessions to review the specific research plans of the regions for Fiscal Year 2003 and 2004.

On Thursday, April 25, the Committee will meet in plenary session to discuss subcommittee reports and to conduct Committee business.

The meetings are open to the public. Approximately 30 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis at the plenary session.

A copy of the agenda may be requested from MMS by calling Ms. Julie Reynolds at (703) 787-1211. Other inquiries concerning the OCS Scientific Committee meeting should be addressed to Mr. Robert LaBelle, Executive Secretary to the OCS Scientific Committee, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4040, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817 or by calling (703) 787-1656.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

Dated: February 21, 2002.

**Thomas A. Readinger,**

*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Padre Island National Seashore, Corpus Christi, TX

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Plan of Operations, Environmental Assessment, and Floodplains and Wetlands Statement of Findings for a 30-day public review at Padre Island National Seashore, Kleberg and Kenedy Counties, Texas.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with Section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands has received from BNP Petroleum Corporation a Plan of Operations for drilling and production of the Lemon/Lemon Seed Unit Wells, No. 1-1000S and No. 1-1008S from a surface location 12.5 miles south along the Gulf beach, from the end of Park Road 22, within Padre Island National Seashore. Additionally, the NPS has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Floodplains and Wetlands Statement of Findings for the site of the proposed well.

**DATES:** The above documents are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from

the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Plan of Operations, Environmental Assessment, and Floodplain and Wetlands Statement of Findings are available for public review and comment in the Office of the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 20301 Park Road 22, Corpus Christi, Texas. Copies of the Plan of Operations are available, for a duplication fee, from the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, P.O. Box 181300, Corpus Christi, Texas 78480-1300.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Arlene Wimer, Environmental Protection Specialist, Padre Island National Seashore, P.O. Box 181300, Corpus Christi, Texas 78480-1300, Telephone: 361-949-8173 x 224, e-mail at [Arlene\\_Wimer@nps.gov](mailto:Arlene_Wimer@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to submit comments about this document within the 30 days; mail them to the post office address provided above, hand-deliver them to the park at the street address provided above, or electronically file them to the e-mail address provided above. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of responders, available for public review during regular business hours.

Dated: March 4, 2002.

**R. Everhart,**

*Acting Regional Director, Intermountain Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before March 16, 2002. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., NC400, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 800 N. Capitol St. NW., Suite 400, Washington DC 20002; or by fax, 202-343-1836. Written or faxed