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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before August 28, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC, 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail [bjohnson@usaid.gov](mailto:bjohnson@usaid.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB No.:* OMB 0412-0520.

*Form No.:* AID 1420-17.

*Title:* Contractor Employee Biographical Data Sheet.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of Information Collection.

*Purpose:* USAID is authorized to make contracts with any corporation,

international organization, or other body of persons in or outside of the United States in furtherance of the purposes and within limitations of the Foreign Assistance Act (FAA). The information collections requirements placed on the public are published in 48 CFR chapter 7, and include such items as the contractor Employee Biographical Data Sheet and Performance and Progress Reports (AIDAR 752.7026). These are all USAID unique procurement requirements. The pre-award requirements are based on a need for prudent management in the determination that an offeror either has or can obtain the ability to competently manage development assistance programs utilizing public funds. The requirements for information collection requirements during the post-award period are based on the need to administer public funds prudently.

*Annual Reporting Burden:*

*Respondents:* 3,679.

*Total annual responses:* 51,605.

*Total annual hours requested:* 73,855 hours.

Dated: June 21, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; Request for Comments; Application for Prospecting Permit

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intention to extend the information collection, FS-2800-14—Application for Prospecting Permit. The collected information enables the Forest Service to effectively and efficiently process oil and gas prospecting permits. Information will be collected from oil and gas companies, lessees, exploration companies, and independent, exploration operators expressing an interest in conducting geophysical

operations on National Forest System lands.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before August 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Director, Minerals and Geology Management Staff, Attn: Mr. W. Dean Crandell, Fluid Minerals Program Manager, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090-6090.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1405 or by email to [dcrandel@fs.fed.us](mailto:dcrandel@fs.fed.us).

The public may inspect comments received at the Office of the Director, Minerals and Geology Management Staff, Forest Service, USDA, 201 14th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to facilitate entrance into the building.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

W. Dean Crandell, Minerals and Geology Staff, at (202) 205-1405.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181, as amended) authorizes the Forest Service to permit oil and gas companies, lessees, exploration companies, and independent, exploration operators to conduct geophysical exploration on or off lease on National Forest System lands.

Three regulations govern geophysical operations on National Forest System lands: (1) Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 251, Subpart E provides direction for geophysical operations on lease (operations within the legal land description of an oil and gas lease); (2) Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 251, Subpart A, § 251.15, provides direction for geophysical operations on reserved mineral rights (operations where the Forest Service manages the surface resources but the mineral resources (subsurface) is owned by someone other than the Federal government); and (3) Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 251, Subpart B, provides authorization for geophysical operations off lease (operations on all Forest Service managed lands not included in the preceding two categories).