

expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (2000), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended. (Authority: 43 CFR 2310.4)

Dated: November 15, 2006.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

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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 extension of an information collection (1010-0142).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is 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 Q, "Decommissioning Activities."

DATES: Submit written comments by February 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods listed below. Please use the Information Collection Number 1010-0142 as an identifier in your message.

- Public Connect online commenting system, <https://occonnect.mms.gov>. Follow the instructions on the Web site for submitting comments.

- E-mail MMS at rules.comments@mms.gov. Identify with Information Collection Number 1010-0142 in the subject line.

- Fax: 703-787-1093. Identify with Information Collection Number 1010-0142.

- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Process Team (RPT); 381 Elden Street, MS-4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference "Information

Collection 1010-0142" in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch at (703) 787-1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart Q, Decommissioning Activities.

OMB Control Number: 1010-00142.

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. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 1332(6) states that "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well trained personnel using technology, precautions, and other techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstructions to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property or endanger life or health."

MMS uses the information collected under subpart Q primarily for the following reasons:

- To determine the necessity for allowing a well to be temporarily abandoned, the lessee/operator must demonstrate that there is a reason for not permanently abandoning the well and the temporary abandonment will not constitute a significant threat to fishing, navigation, or other uses of the seabed. We use the information and documentation to verify that the lessee is diligently pursuing the final

disposition of the well, and the lessee has performed the temporary plugging of the wellbore.

- The information submitted in "initial" decommissioning plans in the Alaska and Pacific OCS Regions will permit MMS to become involved on the ground floor planning of the world-class platform removals anticipated to occur in these OCS regions.

- Site clearance and platform or pipeline removal information ensures that all objects (wellheads, platforms, etc.) installed on the OCS are properly removed using procedures that will protect marine life and the environment during removal operations, and the site cleared so as not to conflict with or harm other uses of the OCS.

- Decommissioning a pipeline in place is needed to ensure that it will not constitute a hazard to navigation and commercial fishing operations, unduly interfere with other uses of the OCS, or have adverse environmental effects.

- The information is necessary to verify that decommissioning activities comply with approved applications and procedures and are satisfactorily completed.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

Frequency: On occasion, annually and varies by requirement.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 236 Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulphur lessees and holders of pipeline rights-of-way.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 8,579 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates and fees of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

Citation 30 CFR 250 Subpart Q	Reporting requirement	Hour burden
		Fees
1703; 1704	Request approval for decommissioning	Burden included below.
1704(g); 1712; 1716; 1717; 1721(a), (d), (f), (g); 1722(a), (b), (d); 1723(b); 1743(a).	Submit form MMS-124 to plug wells; provide subsequent report; request alternate depth departure; request procedure to protect obstructions above seafloor; report within 30 days, results of trawling; certify area cleared of obstructions; remove casing stub or mud line suspension equipment and subsea protective covering; or other departures.	Burden included under 1010-00141.
1713	Notify MMS 48 hours before beginning operations to permanently plug a well.	.25
1721(e); 1722(e), (h)(1); 1741(c)	Identify and report subsea wellheads, casing stubs, or other obstructions; mark wells protected by a dome; mark location to be cleared as navigation hazard.	U.S. Coast Guard requirements.
1722(c), (g)(2)	Notify MMS within 5 days if trawl does not pass over protective device or causes damages to it; or if inspection reveals casing stub or mud line suspension is no longer protected.	.25
1722(f), (g)(3)	Submit annual report on plans for re-entry to complete or permanently abandon the well and inspection report.	2
1722(h)	Request waiver of trawling test	2
1726; 1704(a)	Submit initial decommissioning application in the Pacific OCS Region and Alaska OCS Region.	20
1725; 1727; 1728; 1730; 1704(b)	Submit final application and appropriate data to remove platform or other subsea facility structures (including alternate depth departure) or approval to maintain, to conduct other operations, or to convert to artificial reef.	10
		\$4,100 fee per submission.
1725(e)	Notify MMS 48 hours before beginning removal of platform and other facilities.	.25
1729; 1704(c)	Submit post platform or other facility removal report	8
1740	Request approval to use alternative methods of well site, platform, or other facility clearance.	8
1743(b)	Verify permanently plugged well, platform, or other facility removal site cleared of obstructions and submit certification letter.	12
1751; 1752; 1704(d)	Submit application to decommission pipeline in place or remove pipeline (L/T or ROW).	8
		\$1,000 L/T fee per submission.
		\$1,900 ROW fee per submission.
1753	Submit post pipeline decommissioning report	2
1700 thru 1754	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart Q regulations.	2

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: The currently approved "non-hour cost" burdens for this collection is a total of \$1,032,006. These cost burdens are for filing fees associated with submitting requests for approval to remove a platform or other facility or

decommission a pipeline. We have not identified any other non-hour cost burdens associated with this collection of information. See the above table for the specific non-hour cost burdens associated with this ICR.

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 to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of 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. 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. You should not include estimates for 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 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 Procedures: The MMS’s practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The MMS will honor this request to the extent allowable by law; however, anonymous comments will not be considered. 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. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure “would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.” Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Arlene Bajusz (202) 208-7744.

Dated: November 27, 2006.

E.P. Danenberger,
Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Establishment of a New Fee Area at Voyageurs National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: This notice is to comply with section 804 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (Pub. L. No. 108-447). The Act requires agencies to give the public advance notice (6 months) of the establishment of a new recreation fee area. Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota plans to collect an expanded amenity recreation fee of \$35 per night for two group camp sites beginning the summer of 2007. Revenue will be used to support deferred maintenance in the campsites, to cover the cost of collections at the park, and to pay for contractor-provided reservation services.

DATES: Collection of fees will be effective 6 months from the posting of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Information requests may be submitted to Rick DeLappe; Reservation Service Program Manager by any of the following methods:

E-mail: rick_delappe@nps.gov.

Fax: 202-371-2401, Attention: Rick

DeLappe

Mail: Rick DeLappe, Reservation Service Program Manager, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., ORG CODE 2608, Washington, DC 20240

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Przybylski, Chief of Visitor Education and Planning, Voyageurs National Park, 3131 Highway 53, International Falls, MN 56649. (218) 283-9821 ext 6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota plans to implement expanded amenity recreation fees for two group campsites at Rainy Lake and Kabetogama Lake. These group sites are accessible only by boat and were designed to accommodate up to 30 people. Visitors will be able to reserve these sites in advance through the National Park Reservation Service (NPRS) or in person at the park on a space available basis for same day arrivals. Advanced reservation services will allow groups to guarantee that sites will be available and will provide them the ability to plan ahead. Advance reservations will also help the park manage use in a way that minimizes conflicts between visitors and increases the likelihood that these sites will be used by the large groups for which they were designed. Under the current first-come-first-served arrangement, small groups often occupy these sites displacing the larger groups who have few alternatives. The \$35 fee was determined through a comparability study of similar sites in the area at both Federal and state recreation areas and will only be charged for these two group sites. The park will not charge an additional reservation fee on top of the \$35 for visitors making advanced reservations through the NPRS. Individual campsites in Voyageurs National Park will remain free of charge on a first-come-first-served basis. In accordance with NPS public involvement guidelines, the park engaged numerous individuals, organizations, and local, state, and Federal government representatives while planning for the implementation of this fee.

Dated: October 30, 2006.

Mary A. Bomar,

Director National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

Privacy Act of 1974; Systems of Records

AGENCY: Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; Justice.