

Reporting/recordkeeping requirements	Frequency	Number of respondents	X	Burden per reqmnt	=	Annual burden hours
Coordination of information reported among/ between MMS and a given State or States.	Monthly Quarterly Annually	4,000 payors and reporters		50		200,000
Total		4,010		52.5		210,400

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping: "Non-Hour Cost"
Burden: \$80,000.

Comments: The PRA 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. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA 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.

We published a **Federal Register** Notice on December 3, 1999 (64 FR 67930), with the required 60-day comment period soliciting comments on renewing OMB's approval to continue to collect this information. No comments were received. If you now wish to comment on this ICR, please send your comments directly to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice. OMB has up to 60 days after reviewing an ICR to approve or disapprove the information collection. However, OMB may act sooner than that once the 30-day public comment period has ended. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you should submit your comments on or before August 4, 2000.

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

Dated: June 20, 2000.

Joan Killgore,

Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for the Abandoned Mine Land Contractor Information form.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by September 5, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for review and approval. This collection is found in the Applicant/Violator System (AVS) handbook and is prepared by AML contractors to ensure compliance with 30 CFR 874.16.

OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information

for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: AML Contractor Information Form.

OMB Control Number: 1029-xxxx.

Summary: 30 CFR 874.16 requires that every successful bidder for an AML contract must be eligible under 30 CFR 773.15(b)(1) at the time of contract award to receive a permit or conditional permit to conduct surface coal mining operations. Further, the regulation requires the eligibility to be confirmed by OSM's automated Applicant/Violator System (AVS) and the contractor must be eligible under the regulations implementing Section 510(c) of the Surface Mining Act to receive permits to conduct mining operations. This form provides a tool for OSM and the States/Indian tribes to help them prevent persons with outstanding violations from conducting further mining or AML reclamation activities in the State.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once per contract.

Description of Respondents: AML contract applicants and State and tribal regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 519.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 465.

Dated: June 29, 2000.

Richard G. Bryson,

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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