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Cathy J. Hamilton,

Acting Associate Director for Minerals Revenue 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 an extension of an information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0074).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are soliciting comments on an

information collection titled, Coal Washing and Transportation Allowances. We will submit an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval after this comment period closes.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before January 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Connie Bartram, Acting Chief, Regulations and FOIA Team, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE: You may mail your comments to us (see **ADDRESSES** section), or you may email your comments to us at MRM.comments@mms.gov. Include the title of the information collection and the OMB Control Number in the "Attention" line of your comment; also, include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your email, contact Ms. Bartram at (303) 231-3410, FAX (303) 231-3385. We will post all comments at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov> for public review.

Also, contact Ms. Bartram to review paper copies of the comments. The comments, including names and addresses of respondents, are available for public review during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the public record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law.

There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the public record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you request that we withhold your name and/or address, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Jones, Regulations and FOIA Team, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, email Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov. A copy of the

ICR will be available to you without charge upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Coal Washing and Transportation Allowances.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0074.

Bureau Form Number: n/a.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian Lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian Lands and the OCS; for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals; and for distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries.

The Secretary is required by various laws to manage the production of mineral resources on Indian lands, to collect the royalties due, and to distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The product valuation and allowance determination process that we perform on behalf of the Secretary is essential to assure that the Indians receive payment on the full value of the minerals being removed. When a company or an individual enters into a lease to develop, mine, and dispose of coal deposits from Indian lands, that company or individual (the lessee) agrees to pay the gross proceeds received from the sale of production from the leased lands.

Royalty rates are specified in an Indian lease agreement. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the transportation, processing, and commercial transactions associated with the disposition of the leased minerals. In order to determine whether the amount of royalty tendered represents the proper royalty due, it is necessary to establish the value of the coal being sold or otherwise disposed of in some other manner (for example, used by the lessee). Under some circumstances the lessee may be authorized to deduct certain costs in the calculation of royalties due from an Indian lease, and allowances may be granted from royalties to compensate the lessee for the reasonable actual cost of washing and transporting the royalty portion of coal.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 1 company or individual entering into an Indian lease.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 2 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour Cost"
Burden: n/a.

Comments: The Paperwork Reduction Act at 44 U.S.C. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, December 6, 2000. The meeting will convene at 4:00 p.m. at the New England Aquarium Education Center, Long Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Advisory Council was appointed by the Director of National Park Service pursuant to Public Law 104-333. The 28 members represent business, educational, cultural, and environmental entities; municipalities surrounding Boston Harbor; Boston Harbor advocates; and Native American interests. The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership with respect to the development and implementation of a management plan and the operation of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Approval of minutes from September 6, 2000
2. Discussion regarding the park operations "report card"
3. Discussion on water transportation issues

The meeting is open to the public. Further information concerning Council meetings may be obtained from the Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Council or file written statements. Such requests should be made at least seven days prior to the meeting to: Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA, 408 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA, 02110, telephone (617) 223-8667.

Dated: November 1, 2000.

George E. Price, Jr.,

Superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) of 1992 and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, Reclamation developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans, dated April 30, 1993. In September 1996, Reclamation revised the document and renamed it to Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria). The Criteria were revised again in 1999.

The Cities of Avenal, Coalinga, and Huron, along with Broadview Water District and West Stanislaus Irrigation District, all have developed Water Management Plans (Plan) which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined to meet the requirements of the Criteria.

The 1999 Criteria were developed based on information provided during public scoping and review sessions held throughout Reclamation's Mid-Pacific (MP) Region. Reclamation uses these Criteria to evaluate the adequacy of all Plans developed by Central Valley Project contractors. The Criteria were developed and the Plans have been evaluated for the purpose of promoting the most efficient water use reasonably achievable by all MP Region contractors. Reclamation made a commitment (stated within the Criteria) to publish a notice of its draft determination of the adequacy of each contractor's Plan in the **Federal Register** to allow the public a minimum of 30 days to comment on its preliminary determinations.

DATES: All public comments must be received by December 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and