

District land exchanges
Orientation of new members
National video downlink, and other
topics the council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Helm, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212, or call (509) 536-1200.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

Joseph K. Buesing,
District Manager.

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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 (1010-0048).

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 251, "Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf."

DATE: Submit written comments by January 6, 2003.

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. If you wish to e-mail comments, the address is:

rules.comments@mms.gov. Reference "Information Collection 1010-0048" in your e-mail subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, (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 Part 251, Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0048.

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.

The OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1340) also states that "any person authorized by the Secretary may conduct geological and geophysical explorations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf, which do not interfere with or endanger actual operations under any lease maintained or granted pursuant to this OCS Lands Act, and which are not unduly harmful to aquatic life in such area." The section further requires that permits to conduct such activities may only be issued if it is determined that the applicant is qualified; the activities are not polluting, hazardous, or unsafe; they do not interfere with other users of the area; and do not disturb a site, structure, or object of historical or archaeological significance. Applicants for permits are

required to submit form MMS-327 to provide the information necessary to evaluate their qualifications.

Regulations at 30 CFR part 251 implement these statutory requirements. We use the information to ensure there is no environmental degradation, personal harm or unsafe operations and conditions, damage to historical or archaeological sites, or interference with other uses; to analyze and evaluate preliminary or planned drilling activities; to monitor progress and activities in the OCS; to acquire G&G data and information collected under a Federal permit offshore; and to determine eligibility for reimbursement from the Government for certain costs. The information is necessary to determine if the applicants for permits or filers of notices meet the qualifications specified by the OCS Lands Act. The MMS uses information collected to understand the G&G characteristics of oil-and-gas bearing physiographic regions of the OCS. It aids the Secretary in obtaining a proper balance among the potentials for environmental damage, the discovery of oil and gas, and adverse impacts on affected coastal States. Information from permittees is necessary to determine the propriety and amount of reimbursement.

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 parts 250, 251, and 252. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory or required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency: On occasion, annual; and as specified in permits.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 150 Federal OCS permittees or notice filers.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 8,109 hours. The following chart details the individual 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 their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

BURDEN BREAKDOWN

Citation 30 CFR 251	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden
251.4(a), (b); 251.5(a), (b), (d); 251.6; Permit Forms.	Apply for permits (form MMS-327) to conduct G&G exploration, including deep stratigraphic tests.	6
251.4(b); 251.5(c), (d); 251.6	File notices to conduct scientific research activities, including notice to MMS prior to beginning and after concluding activities.	6
251.6(b) 251.7(b)(5)(iii)	Notify MMS if specific actions should occur; report archaeological resources. (No instances reported since 1982.).	1
251.7	Submit information on test drilling activities under a permit, including form MMS-123 burden included under 30 CFR 250 information collection approvals.	
251.7(c)	Enter into agreement for group participation in test drilling, including publishing summary statement; provide MMS copy of notice/list of participants. (No agreements submitted since 1989.).	1
251.7(d)	Submit bond on deep stratigraphic test—burden included under 30 CFR part 256 (1010-0006).	
251.8(a)	Request reimbursement for certain costs associated with MMS inspections. (No requests in many years. OCS Lands Act requires Government reimbursement.).	
251.8(b), (c)	Submit modifications to, and status/final reports on, activities conducted under a permit	8
251.9(c)	Notify MMS to relinquish a permit	1/2
251.10(c)	File appeals—burden included under 1010-0121	
251.11; 251.12	Notify MMS and submit G&G data/information collected under a permit and/or processed by permittees or 3rd parties, including reports, logs or charts, results, analyses, descriptions, etc.	4
251.13	Request reimbursement for certain costs associated with reproducing data/info	20
251.14(a)	Submit comments on MMS intent to disclose data/info. to the public	1
251.14(c)(2)	Submit comments on MMS intent to disclose data/info. to an independent contractor/agent.	1
251.14(c)(4)	Contractor/agent submit written commitment not to sell, trade, license, or disclose data/info. without MMS consent.	1
Part 251	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in part 251 regulations.	2
Permit Forms	Request extension of permit time period	1
Permit Forms	Retain G&G data/information for 10 years and make available to MMS upon request ...	1

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

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 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: October 30, 2002.

John V. Mirabella,

Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board; Notice and Agenda for Meeting

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The OCS Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board will meet at the Astor Crown Plaza New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

DATES: Wednesday, November 20, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST and Thursday, November 21, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST.

ADDRESSES: The Astor Crown Plaza New Orleans Hotel, 739 Canal @ Bourbon, New Orleans, Louisiana 70170, telephone (504) 962-0500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeryne Bryant at Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4001, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4187. She can be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1211 or by electronic mail at jeryne.bryant@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCS Policy Committee represents the collective viewpoint of coastal States, environmental interests, industry and other parties involved with the OCS Program. It provides policy advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of MMS on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development, and protection of OCS resources.

The agenda for November 20 will cover the following principal subjects:

Congressional/Legislative Update. This presentation will provide an update on current congressional issues related to the OCS Program.

Global Energy. This presentation will address the varying positions on future supply and demand scenarios.

Future of Energy. This presentation will provide a futuristic perspective on energy.

OCS Scientific Committee Update. This presentation will provide an update on the activities of the Scientific Committee. It will highlight activities that are related to mercury, energy issues/concerns, ocean issues, hard

mineral activities, and any other topics that are relevant to both Committees.

Alternative Use Legislation. This presentation will provide an update on legislation concerning offshore liquefied natural gas terminals and other energy-related uses of the OCS.

Methane Hydrate—Status of Technology. This presentation will address future energy supply from offshore methane hydrates.

Oil in the Seas III: Inputs, Fates and Effects. This presentation will provide an overview of the findings from the Oil in the Sea Report that was funded by MMS, Department of Energy, U.S. Geological Survey, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, American Petroleum Institute, and National Ocean Industries Association. The presentation will also compare the recent findings with the 1985 report.

National Marine Sanctuaries. This presentation will address national marine sanctuaries, their location and characteristics, and their relevance to oil and gas development.

The agenda for November 21 will cover the following principal subjects:

Hard Minerals Subcommittee Update. This presentation will provide an update on subcommittee activities and other pertinent hard minerals information.

Coastal Erosion/Restoration—Louisiana's Perspective. This presentation will address the State of Louisiana's coastal situation, with emphasis on adverse impacts caused by offshore operations and on restoration efforts. It will also address the socioeconomic effects in coastal communities (*i.e.*, Port Fourchon, Morgan City, and Abbeville).

Mercury Update. This panel discussion will provide an update on relevant MMS activities since the May 2002 Policy Committee meeting. It will include an overview of the activities of the Interagency Working Group on Methylmercury; a brief description of findings from a recent offshore Gulf of Mexico platform sampling activity; and a report from the Scientific Subcommittee on Mercury.

Benthic Communities Studies. This presentation will address the results of MMS's \$5.33 million deepwater benthos study.

Ocean Commission. This presentation will provide a brief update on the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy's activities since May 2002.

Archeological Finds in the Gulf. This presentation will address recent discoveries in the Gulf of Mexico that have generated international acclaim.

The MMS, through its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, requires operators to conduct remote sensing surveys to avoid potential targets which may be historically significant.

Education and Outreach. This presentation will provide the Committee with an update on the Education and Outreach Subcommittee's activities since May 2002. It will also address Eric Smith's work with risk perception, factors that shape public opinion regarding energy extraction, and any other pertinent information that could assist the Subcommittee in working towards a report for the full Committee's review.

MMS Regional Updates. The Regional Directors will highlight activities off the California and Alaska coasts and the Gulf of Mexico.

The meeting is open to the public. Approximately 100 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Upon request, interested parties may make oral or written presentations to the OCS Policy Committee. Such requests should be made no later than November 13, 2002, to Jeryne Bryant. Requests to make oral statements should be accompanied by a summary of the statement to be made. Please see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for address and telephone number.

Minutes of the OCS Policy Committee meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at the MMS in Herndon, Virginia.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular No. A-63, Revised.

Dated: October 28, 2002.

Thomas A. Readinger,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-1021 (Preliminary)]

Malleable Iron Pipe Fittings from China

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of an investigation and commencement of