

and Services Office (CAJG), and renumber the remaining items accordingly.

Dated: November 5, 2007.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection 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 Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project: Data Collection Tool for Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program: (New)**

The mission of the Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) is to sustain and improve access to quality care services for rural communities. In its authorizing language (Sec. 711, [42 U.S.C. 912]), Congress charged ORHP with "administer[ing] grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to provide technical assistance and other activities as necessary to support activities related to improving health care in rural areas."

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 1820(g)(3)(F), the Health Resources and Services Administration proposes to revise the Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program—Guidance and Forms for the Application. The guidance is used annually by 45 States in writing applications for Grants under the Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex) of the Social Security Act, and in preparing the required report.

ORHP seeks to expand the information gathered from Grantees on their use of the grant funds. Flex Grantees would be required to report on the number of Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), other eligible hospitals, Emergency Medical Service (EMS)

providers, or rural health networks they have worked with during the grant period. Areas that can work with the CAHs and eligible hospitals include: Strategic Planning, Board Training, Networking, Benchmarking/Quality Reporting, EMS—Training, Medical Direction, Transfers, and Health Information Technology (HIT) Adoption. During the grant period the grantee can sponsor meetings, seminars, workshops, and/or use other means as appropriate to engage with the hospitals on any of the above subjects or others that are not listed. The Flex grantees would report information on the total number of hospitals or other organizations that participated in any sponsored activities, as well as provide the name of the hospitals and organizations and their addresses.

In addition, ORHP seeks further information on the use of grant funds. Many Flex grantees use sub-contractual agreements to provide direct aid to CAHs, eligible hospitals, rural health networks, EMS providers or other organizations. ORHP will ask each Flex grantee to list all sub-contractual awards made during the grant period, identify the organization which received Flex funding, the amount they received, and the purpose of award. Services provided to CAHs, other hospitals or providers, EMS providers or other entities will be quantified and the value of the service provided will be submitted.

Submission may be made through the use of a spreadsheet attached to the application.

The estimated average annual burden is as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Flex Report .....	45	1	12.5	562.5
Total .....	45	.....	.....	562.5

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 10-33 Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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**Alexandra Huttinger,**

*Acting Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; National Wildlife Refuge System Evaluation: Surveys of State Agencies, Indian Tribes, and Local Partners**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information

Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. We 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.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before December 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA\_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov

(e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358-2269 (fax); or hope\_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey by mail, fax,

or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* None. This is a new collection.

*Title:* National Wildlife Refuge System Evaluation: Surveys of State Agencies, Indian Tribes, and Local Partners.

*Service Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Affected Public:* Organizations that collaborate with national wildlife refuges, including, but not limited to, State fish and wildlife agencies, volunteer groups, local and national conservation organizations, hunting and fishing groups, and other civic organizations.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Local Partner Survey .....	400	320	20 minutes .....	107
State/Indian Tribe Survey .....	150	120	20 minutes .....	40
Totals .....	550	440	.....	147

**Abstract:**

We have contracted with Management Systems International to perform an independent evaluation of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS). Although the NWRS has existed for more than 100 years, it has never undergone an independent evaluation of its overall effectiveness in achieving its conservation mission. We are now seeking such an evaluation to identify program strengths and weaknesses, as well as gaps in performance information. Such evaluations are an important element of the OMB Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) assessments, and this evaluation will satisfy the PART requirements. The evaluation includes two data collection components involving the public:

(1) An online survey of local partners (e.g., volunteer groups, local conservation organizations, hunting and fishing groups, and other civic organizations).

(2) An online survey of Indian tribes and State fish and wildlife agency officials.

The perspective and observations of NWRS partners are critical to fully understand the issues and questions that the independent evaluation will explore. The surveys will collect data in two broad categories:

(1) The quality of NWRS partnerships with external organizations, and

(2) Partnering organizations' views as to the effectiveness of the NWRS in achieving NWRS objectives.

*Comments:* On February 22, 2007, we published in the Federal Register a notice (72 FR 8004) of our intent to request that OMB renew approval for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60-days, ending on April 23, 2007. We received three comments that are summarized below.

Comment #1: Individual questions if:

(1) the evaluation team assembled has the required expertise to conduct a sound and independent evaluation; (2) the partners identified will be able to provide responses indicative of the American public and not be hand picked to provide glowing reports; and (3) the information collection is necessary and requests a copy of the survey instrument.

Response: We provided a copy of the draft survey instrument to this individual as well as a link to Management System International's website so that biographical information of MSI technical staff could be accessed.

Comment #2: The individual (same from Comment #1 above) acknowledges receipt of the survey instrument and then states that MSI does not have the proper experience to conduct this evaluation. The individual also states that hunting programs receive a disproportionate amount of attention in the NWRS given the wider U.S. public.

Response: Since 1995, MSI has been approved by the General Services Administration (GSA) to provide management related contracting services to Federal agencies under the Mission Oriented Business Integrated Services (MOBIS) contract and also has significant experience conducting evaluations for Federal agencies. MOBIS contractors offer a full range of management and consulting services that can improve a Federal agency's performance and their endeavor in meeting mission goals. MOBIS contractors possess the necessary expertise to facilitate how the Federal Government responds to a continuous stream of new mandates and evolutionary influences including the President's Management Agenda; Government Performance and Results Act; Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act; OMB Circular A-76; Federal

Activities Inventory Reform Act; and government reinvention initiatives such as benchmarking and streamlining.

MSI will be investigating refuge usage of the six wildlife-dependent activities. These activities include hunting, fishing, environmental education, environmental interpretation, wildlife viewing and nature photography. These issues will be explored in terms of their fit with the NWRS's mission and mandates and the quality of the programs provided.

Comment #3: Individual states that the public groups identified as partners and stakeholders (including volunteer groups, local and national conservation organizations, nonprofit organizations, and State fish and game officials) that are to be included in the broader evaluation data collection efforts exclude an important group, Indian tribes. The individual volunteers that the tribe (s)he represents be included in the evaluation survey.

Response: Indian tribes are important stakeholders and partners to the NWRS. We will include Indian tribes in the online survey and intend to collect information in such a way that will enable us to disaggregate responses by representatives of tribes. This will enable the evaluation team to analyze the satisfaction levels of tribes in interacting with the NWRS and, as appropriate, provide a process to explore ways to improve the working relationship between tribes and the NWRS.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

(1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: August 22, 2007

**Hope Grey,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement and Final Staff Assessment, and Amend the California Desert Conservation Area Plan; California

##### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of November 6, 2007, in FR Doc. E7-21762, on page 62672, at the end of the first column, “[Authority: 43 CFR 1712 and 43 CFR 1761]” should read “[Authority: 43 CFR 1610.5-5 and 43 CFR 2800]”.

Dated: November 7, 2007.

**Tom Pogacnik,**

*Assistant Deputy State Director, Natural Resources (CA-930).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Environmental Assessment (EA), Beaufort Sea Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Deep-Penetration Seismic Survey—2007

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for Shell Offshore, Inc.’s. (SOI) proposed seismic surveys in the Beaufort Sea Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in 2007. The EA concludes that with required mitigation no significant adverse effects (40 CFR 1508.27) on the quality of the human environment would occur. Therefore MMS issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Based on the FONSI, MMS issued to SOI the Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Permit 2007-04, which contained mitigation measures to ensure that the Beaufort Sea’s fish, wildlife, and Alaska Native subsistence resources would not be adversely impacted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, Deborah Cranswick, telephone (907) 334-5267.

*EA Availability:* To obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, Attention: Ms. Nikki Lewis, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, telephone (907) 334-5206. You may also view the EA, FONSI, and G&G permit (2007-04) on the MMS Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/alaska/re/recentgg/RECENTGG.HTM>.

Dated: September 17, 2007.

**John T. Goll,**

*Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents. Prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**SUMMARY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal

Regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at the number below. Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

##### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS

prepares SEAs and FONSI for proposals that relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. These SEAs examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects.

Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the SEA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

This listing includes all proposals for which the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region prepared a FONSI in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.