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**Ramona Chinn,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AA-6696-E, AA-6696-A2; AK-964-1410-KC-P]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to St. George Tanaq Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Unalaska Island, Alaska, and are located in:

#### Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 53 S., R. 81 W.,  
Secs. 2, 3, and 4;  
Secs. 9, 10, 15, and 16.  
Containing 4,480 acres.

T. 77 S., R. 122 W.,  
Secs. 2, 4, 5, and 11.  
Containing 2,099.84 acres.

T. 78 S., R. 124 W.,  
Secs. 5 to 8, inclusive;  
Sec. 10;  
Secs. 15 to 22 inclusive;  
Sec. 29.  
Containing 6,385.33 acres.

T. 80 S., R. 130 W.,  
Sec. 5.  
Containing approximately 640 acres.

T. 80 S., R. 131 W.,  
Sec. 3;  
Secs. 4, 9, 10, and 11;  
Secs. 14, 15, and 16;  
Secs. 21, 22, and 23;  
Secs. 27, 28, 29, and 32;  
Sec. 33.  
Containing approximately 7,100 acres.

T. 81 S., R. 132 W.,  
Secs. 4 and 5;  
Sec. 6.  
Containing approximately 775 acres.  
Aggregating approximately 21,480 acres.  
The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to The Aleut

Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to St. George Tanaq Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Anchorage Daily News.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until July 31, 2008 to file an appeal.  
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Hillary Woods,**

*Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2007-OMM-0075]

#### MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0068—30 CFR Part 250, Subpart M, Unitization, Extension of a Collection; Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0068).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, Subpart M, Unitization. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the

paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATE:** Submit written comments by July 31, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0141), either by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail ([OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov)).

Please also send a copy to MMS by either of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>. Under the tab "More Search Options," click Advanced Docket Search, then select "Minerals Management Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "submit." In the Docket ID column, select MMS-2007-OMM-0075 to submit public comments and to view supporting and related materials available for this rulemaking. Information on using [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link. The MMS will post all comments.

- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Cheryl Blundon; 381 Elden Street, MS-4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference "Information Collection 1010-0068" in your subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message text.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch, (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 250, Subpart M, Unitization.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0068.

*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 1334(a) specifies that the Secretary “provide for the prevention of waste and conservation of the natural resources of the [O]uter Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein” and include provisions for “unitization, pooling, and drilling agreements.”

Regulations implementing these responsibilities are under 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart M, Unitization. Responses are mandatory and generally on occasion or they are required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked. The MMS protects information considered proprietary according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2), and 30 CFR 250.197, “Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection,” and 30

CFR Part 252, “OCS Oil and Gas Information Program.”

The MMS Regional Supervisor must approve any lessee’s proposal to enter an agreement to unitize operations under two or more leases. We must also approve modification of a unit agreement when changes in circumstances warrant. We encourage unitization of operations on OCS leases where unitized operations will further exploration of prospective geological structures; increase the ultimate recovery of oil and gas or sulphur reserves; lead to more efficient operation of leases and reservoirs; and/or is necessary to protect correlative rights. Unitization can be particularly beneficial in high-cost, high-risk OCS areas. Lessees submit consolidated Exploration Plans and Development and Production Plans for a unit area. We use the information to ensure that operations under the proposed unit agreement will result in preventing waste, conserving natural resources, and

protecting correlative rights including the government’s interests. We need to review all pertinent data before determining competitiveness of a reservoir or deciding that compelling unitization will achieve the desired results.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 130 respondents (Federal oil and gas OCS lessees).

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden:* The estimated annual “hour” burden for this information collection is a total of 4,913 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. 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 M	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number annual responses	Annual burden hours
Non-hour cost burdens				
<b>Requests</b>				
1301(d), (f)(3), (g)(1), (g)(2)(ii).	Request suspension of production or operations .....	Burden covered in 1010–0114.		0
1302(b) .....	Request preliminary determination on competitive reservoir.	39	1 request .....	39
1304(b) .....	Request compulsory unitization, including submitting unit agreement, unit operating agreement, initial plan of operation, and supporting data; serving non-consenting lessees with documents.	161	1 request .....	161
1304(d) .....	Request hearing on required unitization .....	1	1 request .....	1
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	3 responses .....	201
<b>Submittals</b>				
1302(b) .....	Submit concurrence or objection on competitiveness with supporting evidence.	39	1 request .....	39
1302(c), (d) .....	Submit joint plan of operations, supplemental plans, or a separate plan if agreement cannot be reached.	39	1 plan .....	39
1303; 1304 .....	*Submit revisions or modifications to unit agreement, unit operating agreement, plan of operation, change of unit operator, etc.	8	54 revs/mods .....	432
\$760 fees × 54 revisions/modifications = \$41,040.				
1303; 1304 .....	*Submit initial, and revisions to, participating area ...	48	24 submissions .....	1,152
1304(e) .....	Submit statement at hearing on compulsory unitization.	5	1 statement .....	5
1304(e) .....	Pay for and submit three copies of verbatim transcript of hearing.	1	1 submission .....	1
Court reporter and 3 transcript copies for 1 hearing = \$500.				
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	82 responses .....	1,668
\$41,540 non-hour cost burdens				

Citation 30 CFR 250 Sub-part M	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number annual responses	Annual burden hours
Non-hour cost burdens				
<b>General</b>				
1301 .....	General description of requirements .....	Burden included in the following sections.		0
1303 .....	Apply for voluntary unitization, including submitting unit agreement, unit operating agreement, initial plan of operation, and supporting data; request for variance from model agreement and other related requirements.	169	18 apps/plans .....	3,042
\$10,700 fee × 18 applications/plans = \$192,600.				
Due to ongoing litigation in the Pacific Region, respondents did not submit burden data.				
1304(f) .....	Appeal final order of compulsory unitization .....	Exempt as defined in 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2), (c).		0
1300–1304 .....	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in sub-part M regulations.	1	2 requests .....	2
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	20 responses .....	3,044
\$192,600 non-hour cost burden				
Total Burden .....	.....	.....	105 responses .....	4,913
\$234,140 Non-Hour Cost Burdens				

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden:* There are three non-hour costs associated with this information collection. The estimated non-hour cost burden is \$234,140. Section 250.1303 has two fees requiring respondents to pay a filing fee when applying for a voluntary unitization proposal or unit expansion, and a fee for unitization revision. The filing fees are required to recover the Federal Government’s processing costs. Section 250.1304(d) provides an opportunity for parties notified of compulsory unitization to request a hearing; therefore, section 250.1304(e) requires the party seeking the compulsory unitization to pay for the court reporter and copies of the verbatim transcript of the hearing. It should be noted there have been no such hearings in the recent past, and none are expected in the near future. We estimate that the burden would be less than \$500 to reproduce the copies and hire the reporter. We have not identified any other “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

*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:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) 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.  
 To comply with the public consultation process, on December 26, 2007, we published a **Federal Register** notice (72 FR 73041) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 250.199 provides the OMB control number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR 250 regulations. The regulation also informs the public that they may

comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We received one comment in response to these efforts from a private citizen, B. Sachau, and the comment was not germane to the paperwork burden of this collection.  
 If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your comments to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by July 31, 2008.  
*Public Availability of Comments:* 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.  
*MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Arlene Bajusz (202) 208–7744.

April 23, 2008.

**E.P. Danenberger,**

*Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2008-OMM-0007]

#### **MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0141, 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart D, Oil and Gas Drilling Operations, Extension of a Collection; Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0141).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart D, Oil and Gas Drilling Operations. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0141), either by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (*OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*).

Please also send a copy to MMS by either of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov*. Under the tab "More Search Options," click Advanced Docket Search, then select "Minerals Management Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "submit." In the Docket ID column, select MMS-2008-OMM-0007 to submit public comments and to view supporting and related materials available for this rulemaking. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link. The MMS will post all comments.

- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Attention: Cheryl Blundon, 381 Elden Street, MS-4024, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please

reference "Information Collection 1010-0141" in your subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message text.

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

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

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart D, Oil and Gas Drilling Operations.

*Forms:* MMS-123, MMS-123S, MMS-124, MMS-125, MMS-133, and MMS-133S.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0141.

*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 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 Outer 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."

Regulations implementing these responsibilities are under 30 CFR part 250, subpart D. Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. The MMS will protect proprietary information according to 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection," 30 CFR part 252, "OCS Oil and Gas Information Program," and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2).

The MMS needs the information to ensure safe drilling operations and to

protect the human, marine, and coastal environment. Among other things, MMS specifically uses the information to ensure: The drilling unit is fit for the intended purpose; the lessee or operator will not encounter geologic conditions that present a hazard to operations; equipment is maintained in a state of readiness and meets safety standards; each drilling crew is properly trained and able to promptly perform well-control activities at any time during well operations; compliance with safety standards; and the current regulations will provide for safe and proper field or reservoir development, resource evaluation, conservation, protection of correlative rights, safety, and environmental protection. We also review well records to ascertain whether drilling operations have encountered hydrocarbons or H<sub>2</sub>S and to ensure that H<sub>2</sub>S detection equipment, personnel protective equipment, and training of the crew are adequate for safe operations in zones known to contain H<sub>2</sub>S and zones where the presence of H<sub>2</sub>S is unknown.

The following forms are also submitted to MMS under subpart D. The forms and their purposes are:

#### **Application for Permit To Drill, Forms MMS-123 and MMS-123S**

The MMS uses the information from these forms to determine the conditions of a drilling site to avoid hazards inherent in drilling operations. Specifically, the appropriate MMS District Office uses the information to evaluate the adequacy of a lessee's plan and equipment for drilling, sidetracking or bypass operations. This includes the adequacy of the proposed casing design, casing setting depths, drilling fluid (mud), and cementing programs to ascertain that the proposed operations will be conducted in an operationally safe manner that provides adequate protection for the environment. The District Office also reviews the information to ensure conformance with specific provisions of the lease. In addition, except for proprietary data, MMS is required by the OCS Lands Act to make available to the public certain information submitted on forms MMS-123 and MMS-123S.

#### **Application for Permit To Modify, Form MMS-124**

The MMS uses the information on this form to evaluate and approve the adequacy of the equipment, materials, and/or procedures that the lessee plans to use during such post APD modifications or operations as plugging back or temporary abandonment where the well bore will be reentered and