

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of an existing information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request for Verification of Naturalization.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form N-25. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Not for Profit Institutions. This form will allow U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to obtain verification from the courts that a person claiming to be a naturalized citizen has, in fact, been naturalized.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 1,000 responses at 15 minutes (.25) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 250 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: November 14, 2008.

**Stephen Tarragon,**

*Deputy Chief, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Extension of Approval of Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0034

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from those person who wish to transfer interest in oil and gas or geothermal leases by assignment or record title or transfer operating rights (sublease) in oil and gas or geothermal leases under the terms of mineral leasing laws. The BLM uses Form 3000-3, Assignment of Record Title Interest in a Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, and Form 3000-3a, Transfer of Operating Rights (sublease) in a Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, to collect this information. This information allows the BLM to transfer interest in oil or gas or geothermal leases by assignment of record title or transfer operating rights (sublease) in oil or gas or geothermal leases under the regulations at 43 CFR subparts 3106, 3135, and 3216.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to the address below no later than January 20, 2009. Comments received or postmarked after this date may not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

*Mail:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401 LS, 1849 C St., NW., (Attention: 1004-0034), Washington, DC 20240.

*Personal or messenger delivery:* 1620 L Street, NW., Room 401, Washington, DC 20036.

*E-mail:* [information\\_collection@blm.gov](mailto:information_collection@blm.gov) (Attn.: 1004-0034)

All comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your

personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Barbara Gamble, Division of Fluid Minerals, at 202-452-0338 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message for Ms. Gamble.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA) (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) and the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025) authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue leases for development of Federal oil and gas and geothermal resources. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands) authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341-359). The Department of the Interior Appropriations Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 6508) provides for the competitive leasing of lands for oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska (NPR). The Attorney General's Opinion of April 2, 1941 (40 Opinion of the Attorney General 41) provides the basis under which the Secretary issues certain leases for lands being drained of mineral resources. The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 *et seq.*) provides the authority for leasing lands acquired from the General Services Administration.

Assignor/transferor submits Form 3000-3, Assignment of Record Title Interest in a Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, and Form 3000-3a, Transfer of Operating Rights (Sublease) in a Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, to transfer interest in oil and gas or geothermal leases by assignment of record title or transfer operating rights (sublease) in oil and gas or geothermal leases under the regulations in 43 CFR subparts 3106, 3135, and 3216. These regulations outline the procedures for assigning record title interest and transferring operating rights in a lease to explore for, develop, and produce oil and gas resources and geothermal resources.

The assignor/transferor provides the required information to comply with the regulations in order to process the assignments of record title interest or transfer of operating rights (sublease) in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources. The assignor/transferor submits the required information to BLM for approval under 30 U.S.C. 187a and the regulations at 43 CFR subparts 3106, 3135, and 3216.

BLM uses the information submitted by the assignor/transferor to identify the interest ownership that is assigned or transferred and the qualifications of the assignee-transferee. BLM determines whether the assignee-transferee is qualified to obtain the interest sought and ensures that the assignee/transferee does not exceed statutory acreage limitations.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, we estimate it takes 30 minutes per response to gather and provide the required information. The respondents include individuals, small businesses, and large corporations. The frequency of response is occasional. We estimate 60,000 responses per year and a total annual burden of 30,000 hours.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 14, 2008.

**Ted R. Hudson,**

*Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Land Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0185**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend existing approvals to collect certain information from lessees, operators, record title holders, operating rights owners, and the general public on oil and gas and operations on Federal lands.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before January 20, 2009. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments postmarked or received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

*Mail:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401 LS, 1849 C St., NW., (Attention: 1004-0185), Washington, DC 20240.

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(4) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are required to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA), 30 U.S.C. 191 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 570 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where the mineral rights are reserved by the Federal government. The Act of May 21, 1930 (30 U.S.C. 301-306), authorizes the leasing of oil and gas deposits under railroads and other rights-of-way. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands), authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341-359). The regulations under 43 CFR part 3000 *et al.* authorize BLM to manage the oil and gas leasing and exploration activities. Without the information, BLM would not be able to analyze and approve oil and gas leasing and exploration activities.

BLM collects nonform information on oil and gas leasing and exploration activities when the lessee, record title holder, operating rights owner, or operator files any of the following information for BLM to adjudicate:

43 CFR	Information collection requirements	Reporting		Total hours
		Number of responses	hours per respondent	
3100.3-1 .....	Notice of option holdings .....	30	1	30
3100.3-3 .....	Option statement .....	50	1	50
3101.2-4(a) .....	Excess acreage petition .....	10	1	10
3101.2-6 .....	Showings statement .....	10	1.5	15
311.1.3-1 .....	Joinder evidence statement .....	50	1	50