



United States Department of the Interior

MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
Washington, DC 20240



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Mr. Nathan Frey
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Docket Library, Room 10102
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Frey:

Under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines at 5 CFR 1320.13, we request emergency processing of the enclosed information collection request (ICR) associated with a Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTLs). This NTL concerns potential damage to Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs) from the upcoming 2009 hurricane season and will affect lessees and operators of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) facilities in the Gulf of Mexico. According to the emergency processing procedures:

(a) We have determined that:

- (1) The collection of this information is needed to begin before the expiration of time periods established under 5 CFR Part 1320 and the information is essential to the mission of the Department of the Interior.
- (2) We cannot comply with normal clearance procedures because an unanticipated event will occur that could impact safety of operations and prevention of environmental pollution in the OCS.

(b) We request that OMB make a decision on this emergency ICR within 5-10 working days of receiving it, due to hurricane season beginning June 1.

(c) We have not formally consulted with potential respondents on the impact of this burden due to time constraints. Our estimate of the annual burden hours is based on informal conversations with oil and gas industry representatives and our experience with similar inspections and reports submitted after previous hurricanes.

(d) We are requesting a waiver of the 60-day and 30-day Federal Register notices required in 5 CFR 1320.13(d).

If you have any questions or need further information, please call Arlene Bajusz, MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer on 202-208-7744.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Triebisch".

George Triebisch
Associate Director for Policy and Management Improvement
Minerals Management Service

Enclosure