

9th Street, NW., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (a) Whether the 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 estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) the annual costs burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (a total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Application to Establish Centralized Examination Station.

*OMB Number:* 1651-0061.

*Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* If a port director decides his or her port needs a Centralized Examination Station (CES), the port director announces this need to the public and solicits applications to operate a CES. The information contained in the application will be used to determine the suitability of the applicant's facility, the fairness of his fee structure, his knowledge of cargo handling operations and his knowledge of CBP procedures.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being made to extend the expiration date.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 100.

Dated: September 16, 2009.

**Tracey Denning,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Customs and Border Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of an information collection (1028-0051).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we will submit to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements for respondents to submit proposals to support research in earthquake hazard assessments and earthquake occurrence under the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended, Public Law 95-124, 42 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.* To submit a proposal three standard OMB forms and a project narrative must be completed and submitted via Grants.gov. This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these forms.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before November 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via OMB e-mail: (OIRA [DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:DOCKET@omb.eop.gov)); or by fax (202) 395-6566; and identify your submission with Information Collection Number 1028-0051 in the subject line. Please submit a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150-C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226-9230 (fax); or FAX: [pponds@usgs.gov](mailto:pponds@usgs.gov) (e-mail). Use Information Collection Number 1028-0051 in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, Elizabeth Lemersal, Earthquake Hazards Program, (703) 648-6716.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Earthquake Hazards Program Research and Monitoring.

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-0051.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Research and monitoring findings are essential to fulfilling USGS's responsibility under the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act to develop earthquake hazard assessments and recording and reporting earthquake activity nationwide. Residents, emergency responders, and engineers rely on the USGS for this accurate and scientifically sound information. Respondents to Program

Announcements submit proposals to support research and monitoring related to earthquake hazard assessments, earthquake causes and effects, and earthquake monitoring. This information is used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the USGS's Earthquake Hazards Program objectives. Final reports of research and monitoring findings are required for each funded proposal; annual progress reports are required for awards of a two- to five-year duration. Final reports are made available to the public at the Web site <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/external/>.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection." Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked.

*Affected Public:* Research scientists, engineers, and the general public.

*Respondent Obligation:* Voluntary; necessary to receive benefits.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually and once every three to five years.

*Estimated Annual Number of and Description of Respondents:* 250 Educational institutions, and profit and non-profit organizations.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses:* 370 (250 applications and narratives and 120 annual and final report).

*Estimated Completion Time:* 45 hours per application response and 9 hours per final report.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 12,330 (11,250 hours per application and 1,080 hours per annual and final report).

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* We estimate the public reporting burden will average 45 hours per application response. This includes time to develop project goals, write the statement of work, perform internal proposal reviews, and submit the proposal through grants.gov. We estimate the public reporting burden will average 9 hours per final or annual report

response. This includes summarizing accomplishments for the past year's funded efforts. The currently approved "hour" burden for this collection is 12,300 hours. We do not expect the total burden for this process to change as a result of this request.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"*

**Burden:** We have not identified any "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 and you are not required to respond to, 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:** We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted 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. To comply with the public process, we publish this **Federal Register** notice announcing that we will submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60 day public comment period.

**USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer:** Phadrea Ponds 970-226-9445.

Dated: September 16, 2009.

**William S. Leith,**

*Associate Program Coordinator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Information Collection for Energy and Mineral Development Program Grants; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), in the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, is seeking comments on a proposed information collection related to grants provided under the Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP). Indian tribes whose lands are held in trust or restricted status may be considered for grants for energy and mineral development projects under the EMDP if they provide certain information as part of an application. Once an application is accepted, the Indian tribe must then submit reports regarding the progress of their project. This notice requests comments on the information collection associated with the application and progress reports.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 23, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand-carry comments to Darryl Francois, Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Room 20—South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20245, fax (202) 208-4564; e-mail: [Darryl.Francois@bia.gov](mailto:Darryl.Francois@bia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Darryl Francois, Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development. Telephone (202) 219-0740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants to Indian tribes for energy development. *See* 25 U.S.C. 3502. IEED administers and manages the EMDP. Congress appropriates funds to EMDP on a year-to-year basis. When funding is available, IEED may solicit proposals for energy and mineral development projects from Indian tribes whose lands are held in trust or restricted fee by the Federal government. Tribes may use the contracting mechanism established by the Indian Self-Determination Act or may receive the grant money through

adjustments to their funding from the Office of Self-Governance. *See* 25 U.S.C. 450 *et seq.* The projects may be in the areas of exploration, assessment, development, feasibility, or market studies. Indian tribes that would like to apply for an EMDP grant must submit an application that includes certain information, and must assist IEED by providing information in support of any National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses. A complete application must contain the following elements.

- A current, signed tribal resolution that: (1) Authorizes the energy and mineral development project for the appropriate fiscal year; (2) describes the commodity or commodities to be studied; (3) states that the tribe is willing to consider developing any potential energy or mineral resources discovered; (4) describes how the tribe prefers to have the energy or mineral program conducted (*i.e.*, through the sole utilization of IEED in-house professional staff, in conjunction with professional tribal staff, through private contractors, or through other appropriate means); and (5) states that the tribe will consider public release of information obtained from the energy and mineral development study upon request from IEED.

- A proposal describing the planned activities and deliverable products that will be accomplished within the fiscal year for which funding is requested, including:
  - Overview, including the elements of the proposed study, reasons why the proposed study is needed, total requested funding, responsible parties for technical execution and administration, and tribal point of contact for the project;
  - Technical summary of the project, including whether the request will begin a new study or continue a study and the duration of the study, a description of any known energy and/or mineral deposit, reference to any existing mineral exploration information, and a description of any environmental or cultural sensitive areas;
  - Project objective, goals and scope of work;
  - Deliverable products, such as technical data and maps; and
  - Resumes of key personnel.

- A detailed budget estimate, including contracted personnel costs, travel estimates, data collection and analysis costs, and other expenses.

IEED requires this information to ensure that it provides funding only to those projects that meet the goals of the