

**SUMMARY:** The National Fire Academy Board of Visitors will meet on April 28–29, 2010.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Wednesday, April 28, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.s.t.; and Thursday, April 29, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., e.s.t. Comments must be submitted by April 27, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Members of the public who wish to obtain information for the public meeting or who plan to participate in the meeting should contact Teressa Kaas as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by April 27, 2010. Members of the public may participate by coming to the National Emergency Training Center, Building H, Room 300, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Written material as well as requests to have written material distributed to each member of the committee prior to the meeting should reach Teressa Kaas as listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by April 27, 2010. Comments must be identified by docket ID FEMA–2008–0010 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* [FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov).

Include the docket ID in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (866) 466–5370.
- *Mail:* Teressa Kaas, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the docket ID for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teressa Kaas, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727, telephone (301) 447–1117, fax (301) 447–1173, and e-mail [teressa.kaas@dhs.gov](mailto:teressa.kaas@dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463). The National Fire Academy Board of Visitors will be holding a meeting for purposes of reviewing National Fire Academy Program activities, including the status of campus maintenance and capital improvements, the budget update, the Applicant Outreach Committee Report, the Emergency Medical Services

Committee Report, the Training Resources and Data Exchange Review Committee Report, the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Committee Report, the Academy update, and Board discussions and new items. This meeting is open to the public.

The Chairperson of the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors shall conduct the meeting in a way that will, in her judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting, the committee welcomes public comment; however, comments will be permitted only during the public comment period. The Chairperson will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Please note that the meeting may end early if all business is completed.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Teressa Kaas as soon as possible.

Dated: March 30, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS–2008–MRM–0031]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010–0136).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We consolidated this information collection request (ICR) and ICR 1010–0090, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification, in order to allow program-wide review of Federal oil and gas valuation. The new title of this ICR is “30 CFR parts 202, 204, 206, and 210, Federal Oil and Gas Valuation.”

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before *June 11, 2010*.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this ICR by any of the following methods. Please use “ICR 1010–0136” as an identifier in your comment.

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter MMS–2008–MRM–0031, and then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments. The MMS will post all comments.

- Mail comments to Hyla Hurst, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 61013B, Denver, Colorado 80225. Please reference ICR 1010–0136 in your comments.

- Hand-carry comments or use an overnight courier service. Our courier address is Building 85, Room A–614, Denver Federal Center, West 6th Ave. and Kipling St., Denver, Colorado 80225. Please reference ICR 1010–0136 in your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hyla Hurst, telephone (303) 231–3495, or e-mail [hyla.hurst@mms.gov](mailto:hyla.hurst@mms.gov). You may also contact Hyla Hurst to obtain copies, at no cost, of (1) the ICR, (2) any associated forms, and (3) the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 30 CFR parts 202, 204, 206, and 210, Federal Oil and Gas Valuation.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010–0136.

*Bureau Form Number:* Forms MMS–4377 and MMS–4393.

*Abstract:* The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resource production from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collect the royalties and other mineral revenues due, and distribute the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. Public laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands are posted on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm).

#### General Information

When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share in an amount or value of production from the leased lands. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is generally available

within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling of such minerals.

We use the information collected in this ICR to ensure that royalty is accurately valued and appropriately paid on oil and gas produced from Federal onshore and offshore leases. Please refer to the Respondents' Estimated Annual Burden Hours table for all reporting requirements and associated burden hours. All data submitted is subject to subsequent audit and adjustment.

**Federal Oil and Gas Valuation Regulations**

The valuation regulations at 30 CFR part 206, subparts C and D, mandate that companies collect and/or submit information used to value their Federal oil and gas, including (1) transportation and processing allowances; and (2) regulatory allowance limitation information. Companies report certain data on Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance (OMB Control Number 1010-0139). The information requested is the minimum necessary to carry out our mission and places the least possible burden on respondents. If MMS does not collect this information, both Federal and State governments may incur a loss of royalties.

*Transportation and Processing Regulatory Allowance Limits*

Lessees may deduct the reasonable, actual costs of transportation and processing from Federal royalties. Lessees who request approval to exceed the regulatory allowance limits are required to provide information in order to obtain these benefits.

*Request To Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation, Form MMS-4393*

Lessees may request to exceed regulatory limitations. Upon proper application from the lessee, we may approve an oil or gas transportation allowance in excess of 50 percent or a gas processing allowance in excess of 66⅔ percent on Federal leases. Form MMS-4393 is used for both Federal and Indian leases to request to exceed allowance limitations. This ICR includes only Federal leases; therefore burden hours for Form MMS-4393 for Indian leases are not included in this ICR. Burden hours for Form MMS-4393 for Indian leases are included in OMB Control Number 1010-0103.

**Accounting and Auditing Relief for Marginal Properties**

In 2004, we amended our regulations to comply with section 7 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996. The regulations provide guidance for lessees and designees seeking accounting and auditing relief for qualifying Federal marginal properties. Under the regulations, both MMS and the state concerned must approve any relief granted for a marginal property.

**Stripper Oil Royalty Rate Reduction Program**

Under 43 CFR 3103.4-2, the Stripper Oil Royalty Rate Reduction Program (Stripper Oil Program) was established by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the surface management agency for Federal onshore leases. As a benefit under this program, MMS, who administered the Stripper Oil Program for BLM, approved royalty rate reductions for operators of stripper oil properties for applicable sales periods from October 1, 1992, through January 31, 2006. Effective February 1, 2006, the benefits of reduced royalty rates under

this program were terminated. This change is not currently reflected in the CFR; however, BLM is processing a final rule to remove this citation from the regulations.

For production through January 31, 2006, reporters used Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification, to notify MMS of royalty rate changes. Although the benefits were terminated, MMS continues to verify previously submitted notifications and may require the operator to submit an amended Form MMS-4377.

**OMB Approval**

We are requesting OMB approval to continue to collect this information. Not collecting this information would limit the Secretary's ability to discharge his/her duties and may also result in loss of royalty payments. Proprietary information submitted to MMS under this collection is protected, and no items of a sensitive nature are included in this information collection.

For information collections relating to valuation requirements, responses are mandatory. For the remaining information collections in this ICR, responses are required to obtain benefits.

*Frequency:* Annually and on occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 120 Federal lessees/designees and 7 states for Federal oil and gas valuation; and 150 lessees/lessors for the Stripper Oil Program.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 9,378 hours.

We have not included in our estimates certain requirements performed in the normal course of business and considered usual and customary. The following chart shows the estimated burden hours by CFR section and paragraph:

RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
<b>PART 202—ROYALTIES Subpart C—Federal and Indian Oil</b>				
202.101 .....	202.101 Oil volumes are to be reported in barrels of clean oil of 42 standard U.S. gallons (231 cubic inches each) at 60 °F. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		

## RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
<b>Subpart D—Federal Gas</b>				
202.152(a) and (b) .....	202.152(a)(1) If you are responsible for reporting production or royalties you must: (i) Report gas volumes and British thermal unit (Btu) heating values, if applicable, under the same degree of water saturation; (ii) Report gas volumes in units of 1,000 cubic feet (mcf); and (iii) Report gas volumes and Btu heating value at a standard pressure base of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute (psia) and a standard temperature base of 60 °F. * * * (b) Residue gas and gas plant product volumes shall be reported as specified in this paragraph. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		
<b>PART 204—ALTERNATIVES FOR MARGINAL PROPERTIES Subpart C—Accounting and Auditing Relief</b>				
204.202(b)(1) .....	204.202(b) To use the cumulative royalty reports and payments relief option, you must do all of the following: (1) Notify MMS in writing by January 31 of the calendar year for which you begin taking your relief. * * *	40	1	40
204.202(b)(2) and (b)(3) .....	204.202(b)(2) Submit your royalty report and payment * * * by the end of February of the year following the calendar year for which you reported annually. * * * If you have an estimated payment on file, you must submit your royalty report and payment by the end of March of the year following the calendar year for which you reported annually; (3) Use the sales month prior to the month that you submit your annual report and payment * * * for the entire previous calendar year's production for which you are paying annually. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		
204.202(b)(4), (b)(5), (c), (d)(1), (d)(2), (e)(1), and (e)(2).	204.202(b) To use the cumulative royalty reports and payments relief option, you must * * * (4) Report one line of cumulative royalty information on Form MMS–2014 for the calendar year * * * and (5) Report allowances on Form MMS–2014 on the same annual basis as the royalties for your marginal property production. (c) If you do not pay your royalty by the date due in paragraph (b) of this section, you will owe late payment interest * * * from the date your payment was due under this section until the date MMS receives it. * * * (d) If you take relief you are not qualified for, you may be liable for civil penalties. Also you must: (1) Pay MMS late payment interest determined under 30 CFR 218.54 * * * (2) Amend your Form MMS–2014 * * * (e) If you dispose of your ownership interest in a marginal property for which you have taken relief * * * you must: (1) Report and pay royalties for the portion of the calendar year for which you had an ownership interest; and (2) Make the report and payment by the end of the month after you dispose of the ownership interest in the marginal property. If you do not report and pay timely, you will owe interest * * * from the date the payment was due. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		
204.203(b), 204.205(a) and (b), and 204.206(a)(3)(i) and (b)(1).	204.203(b) You must request approval from MMS * * * before taking relief under this option.	200	1	200

RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
204.209(b) .....	204.209(b) If a property is no longer eligible for relief * * * the relief for the property terminates as of December 31 of that calendar year. You must notify MMS in writing by December 31 that the relief for the property has terminated * * *.	6	1	6
204.210(c) and (d) .....	204.210(c) * * * the volumes on which you report and pay royalty * * * must be amended to reflect all volumes produced on or allocated to your lease under the nonqualifying agreement as modified by BLM. * * * Report and pay royalties for your production using the procedures in §204.202(b). (d) If you owe additional royalties based on the retroactive agreement approval and do not pay your royalty by the date due in §204.202(b), you will owe late payment interest determined under 30 CFR 218.54 from the date your payment was due under §204.202(b)(2) until the date MMS receives it.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
204.214(b)(1) and (b)(2) .....	204.214(b) If you pay minimum royalty on production from a marginal property during a calendar year for which you are taking cumulative royalty reports and payment relief, and: (1) The annual payment you owe under this subpart is greater than the minimum royalty you paid, you must pay the difference between the minimum royalty you paid and your annual payment due under this subpart; or (2) The annual payment you owe under this subpart is less than the minimum royalty you paid, you are not entitled to a credit because you must pay at least the minimum royalty amount on your lease each year.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
<b>Accounting and Auditing Relief Subtotal</b> .....			10	526
<b>PART 206—PRODUCT VALUATION Subpart C—Federal Oil</b>				
206.102(e)(1) .....	206.102(e) If you value oil under paragraph (a) of this section: (1) MMS may require you to certify that your or your affiliate's arm's-length contract provisions include all of the consideration the buyer must pay, either directly or indirectly, for the oil.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.103(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) ...	206.103 This section explains how to value oil that you may not value under §206.102 or that you elect under §206.102(d) to value under this section. First determine whether paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section applies to production from your lease, or whether you may apply paragraph (d) or (e) with MMS approval. (a) Production from leases in California or Alaska. Value is the average of the daily mean ANS spot prices published in any MMS-approved publication during the trading month most concurrent with the production month. * * * (1) To calculate the daily mean spot price * * * (2) Use only the days * * * (3) You must adjust the value * * *	45	5	225
206.103(a)(4) .....	206.103(a)(4) After you select an MMS-approved publication, you may not select a different publication more often than once every 2 years, * * *.	8	2	16
206.103(b)(1) .....	206.103(b) Production from leases in the Rocky Mountain Region. * * * (1) If you have an MMS-approved tendering program, you must value oil * * *.	400	2	800

## RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
206.103(b)(1)(ii) .....	206.103(b)(1)(ii) If you do not have an MMS-approved tendering program, you may elect to value your oil under either paragraph (b)(2) or (b)(3) of this section. * * *	400	2	800
206.103(b)(4) .....	206.103(b)(4) If you demonstrate to MMS's satisfaction that paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(3) of this section result in an unreasonable value for your production as a result of circumstances regarding that production, the MMS Director may establish an alternative valuation method.	400	2	800
206.103(c)(1) .....	206.103(c) Production from leases not located in California, Alaska or the Rocky Mountain Region. (1) Value is the NYMEX price, plus the roll, adjusted for applicable location and quality differentials and transportation costs under § 206.112.	50	10	500
206.103(e)(1) and (e)(2) .....	206.103(e) Production delivered to your refinery and the NYMEX price or ANS spot price is an unreasonable value. (1) * * * you may apply to the MMS Director to establish a value representing the market at the refinery if: * * * (2) You must provide adequate documentation and evidence demonstrating the market value at the refinery. * * *	330	2	660
206.105 .....	206.105 If you determine the value of your oil under this subpart, you must retain all data relevant to the determination of royalty value. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.107(a) .....	206.107(a) You may request a value determination from MMS * * *	40	10	400
206.109(c)(2) .....	206.109(c) Limits on transportation allowances. (2) You may ask MMS to approve a transportation allowance in excess of the limitation in paragraph (c)(1) of this section. * * * Your application for exception (using Form MMS-4393, Request to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation) must contain all relevant and supporting documentation necessary for MMS to make a determination * * *	8	2	16
206.110(a) .....	206.110(a) * * * You must be able to demonstrate that your or your affiliate's contract is at arm's length. * * *	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.110(d)(3) .....	206.110(d) If your arm's-length transportation contract includes more than one liquid product, and the transportation costs attributable to each product cannot be determined * * * (3) You may propose to MMS a cost allocation method * * *	20	2	40
206.110(e) .....	206.110(e) If your arm's-length transportation contract includes both gaseous and liquid products, and the transportation costs attributable to each product cannot be determined from the contract, then you must propose an allocation procedure to MMS.	20	1	20
206.110(e)(1) and (e)(2) .....	206.110(e)(1) * * * If MMS rejects your cost allocation, you must amend your Form MMS-2014 * * * (2) You must submit your initial proposal, including all available data, within 3 months after first claiming the allocated deductions on Form MMS-2014.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		

RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
206.110(g)(2) .....	206.110(g) If your arm's-length sales contract includes a provision reducing the contract price by a transportation factor, * * *. (2) You must obtain MMS approval before claiming a transportation factor in excess of 50 percent of the base price of the product.	5	1	5
206.111(g) .....	206.111(g) To compute depreciation, you may elect to use either * * *. After you make an election, you may not change methods without MMS approval. * * *.	30	1	30
206.111(k)(2) .....	206.111(k)(2) You may propose to MMS a cost allocation method on the basis of the values * * *.	30	1	30
206.111(l)(1) and (l)(3) .....	206.111(l)(1) Where you transport both gaseous and liquid products through the same transportation system, you must propose a cost allocation procedure to MMS. * * *. (3) You must submit your initial proposal, including all available data, within 3 months after first claiming the allocated deductions on Form MMS-2014.	20	1	20
206.111(l)(2) .....	206.111(l)(2) * * * If MMS rejects your cost allocation, you must amend your Form MMS-2104 for the months that you used the rejected method and pay any additional royalty and interest due.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.112(a)(1)(ii) .....	206.112(a)(1)(ii) * * * under an exchange agreement that is not at arm's length, you must obtain approval from MMS for a location and quality differential * * *	80	1	80
206.112(a)(1)(ii) .....	206.112(a)(1)(ii) * * * If MMS prescribes a different differential, you must apply * * *. You must pay any additional royalties owed * * * plus the late payment interest from the original royalty due date, or you may report a credit * * *.	20	2	40
206.112(a)(3) and (a)(4) .....	206.112(a)(3) If you transport or exchange at arm's length (or both transport and exchange) at least 20 percent, but not all, of your oil produced from the lease to a market center, determine the adjustment between the lease and the market center for the oil that is not transported or exchanged (or both transported and exchanged) to or through a market center as follows: * * *. (4) If you transport or exchange (or both transport and exchange) less than 20 percent of your crude oil produced from the lease between the lease and a market center, you must propose to MMS an adjustment between the lease and the market center for the portion of the oil that you do not transport or exchange (or both transport and exchange) to a market center. * * * If MMS prescribes a different adjustment * * *. You must pay any additional royalties owed * * * plus the late payment interest from the original royalty due date, or you may report a credit * * *.	80	4	320
206.112(b)(3) .....	206.112(b)(3) * * * you may propose an alternative differential to MMS. * * * If MMS prescribes a different differential * * *. You must pay any additional royalties owed * * * plus the late payment interest from the original royalty due date, or you may report a credit * * *.	80	4	320

## RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
206.112(c)(2) .....	206.112(c)(2) * * * If quality bank adjustments do not incorporate or provide for adjustments for sulfur content, you may make sulfur adjustments, based on the quality of the representative crude oil at the market center, of 5.0 cents per one-tenth percent difference in sulfur content, unless MMS approves a higher adjustment.	80	2	160
206.114 .....	206.114 You or your affiliate must use a separate entry on Form MMS–2014 to notify MMS of an allowance based on transportation costs you or your affiliate incur.  MMS may require you or your affiliate to submit arm's-length transportation contracts, production agreements, operating agreements, and related documents. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.  AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.115(a) .....	206.115(a) You or your affiliate must use a separate entry on Form MMS–2014 to notify MMS of an allowance based on transportation costs you or your affiliate incur.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		
206.115(c) .....	206.115(c) MMS may require you or your affiliate to submit all data used to calculate the allowance deduction. * * *	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
<b>Subpart D—Federal Gas</b>				
206.152(b)(1)(i) and (b)(1)(iii) .....	206.152(b)(1)(i) * * * The lessee shall have the burden of demonstrating that its contract is arm's-length. * * * (iii) * * * When MMS determines that the value may be unreasonable, MMS will notify the lessee and give the lessee an opportunity to provide written information justifying the lessee's value.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.152(b)(2) .....	206.152(b)(2) * * * The lessee must request a value determination in accordance with paragraph (g) of this section for gas sold pursuant to a warranty contract; * * *	80	1	80
206.152(b)(3) .....	206.152(b)(3) MMS may require a lessee to certify that its arm's-length contract provisions include all of the consideration to be paid by the buyer, either directly or indirectly, for the gas.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.152(e)(1) .....	206.152(e)(1) Where the value is determined pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, the lessee shall retain all data relevant to the determination of royalty value. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		
206.152(e)(2) .....	206.152(e)(2) Any Federal lessee will make available upon request to the authorized MMS or State representatives, to the Office of the Inspector General of the department of the Interior, or other person authorized to receive such information, arm's-length sales and volume data for like-quality production sold, purchased or otherwise obtained by the lessee from the field or area or from nearby fields or areas.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.152(e)(3) .....	206.152(e)(3) A lessee shall notify MMS if it has determined value pursuant to paragraph (c)(2) or (c)(3) of this section. * * *	10	10	100
206.152(g) .....	206.152(g) The lessee may request a value determination from MMS. * * * The lessee shall submit all available data relevant to its proposal. * * *	40	5	200

RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
206.153(b)(1)(i) and (b)(1)(iii) .....	206.153(b)(1)(i) * * * The lessee shall have the burden of demonstrating that its contract is arm's-length. * * * (iii) * * * When MMS determines that the value may be unreasonable, MMS will notify the lessee and give the lessee an opportunity to provide written information justifying the lessee's value.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.153(b)(2) .....	206.153(b)(2) * * * The lessee must request a value determination in accordance with paragraph (g) of this section for gas sold pursuant to a warranty contract; * * *	80	1	80
206.153(b)(3) .....	206.153(b)(3) MMS may require a lessee to certify that its arm's-length contract provisions include all of the consideration to be paid by the buyer, either directly or indirectly, for the residue gas or gas plant product.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.153(e)(1) .....	206.153(e)(1) Where the value is determined pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, the lessee shall retain all data relevant to the determination of royalty value. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.153(e)(2) .....	206.153(e)(2) Any Federal lessee will make available upon request to the authorized MMS or State representatives, to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior, or other persons authorized to receive such information, arm's-length sales and volume data for like-quality residue gas and gas plant products sold, purchased or otherwise obtained by the lessee from the same processing plant or from nearby processing plants.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.153(e)(3) .....	206.153(e)(2) A lessee shall notify MMS if it has determined any value pursuant to paragraph (c)(2) or (c)(3) of this section. * * *	10	2	20
206.153(g) .....	206.153(g) The lessee may request a value determination from MMS. * * * The lessee shall submit all available data relevant to its proposal. * * *	80	15	1,200
206.154(c)(4) .....	206.154(c)(4) * * * A lessee may request MMS approval of other methods for determining the quantity of residue gas and gas plant products allocable to each lease. * * *	40	1	40
206.156(c)(3) .....	206.156(c)(3) Upon request of a lessee, MMS may approve a transportation allowance deduction in excess of the limitation prescribed by paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section. * * * An application for exception (using Form MMS-4393, Request to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation) must contain all relevant and supporting documentation necessary for MMS to make a determination. * * *	40	3	120
206.157(a)(1)(i) .....	206.157(a) Arm's-length transportation contracts. (1)(i) * * * The lessee shall have the burden of demonstrating that its contract is arm's-length. * * *  The lessee must claim a transportation allowance by reporting it on a separate line entry on the Form MMS-2014.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.  Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.157(a)(1)(iii) .....	206.157(a)(1)(iii) * * * When MMS determines that the value of the transportation may be unreasonable, MMS will notify the lessee and give the lessee an opportunity to provide written information justifying the lessee's transportation costs.	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		



## RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
206.157(a)(2)(ii) .....	206.157(a)(2)(ii) * * * the lessee may propose to MMS a cost allocation method on the basis of the values of the products transported. * * *	40	1	40
206.157(a)(3) .....	206.157(a)(3) If an arm's-length transportation contract includes both gaseous and liquid products and the transportation costs attributable to each cannot be determined from the contract, the lessee shall propose an allocation procedure to MMS. * * * The lessee shall submit all relevant data to support its proposal. * * *	40	1	40
206.157(a)(5) .....	206.157(a)(5) * * * The transportation factor may not exceed 50 percent of the base price of the product without MMS approval.	10	3	30
206.157(b)(1) .....	206.157(b) Non-arm's-length or no contract. (1) The lessee must claim a transportation allowance by reporting it on a separate line entry on the Form MMS-2014. * * *	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.157(b)(2)(iv) and (b)(2)(iv) (A) .....	206.157(b)(2)(iv) * * * After a lessee has elected to use either method for a transportation system, the lessee may not later elect to change to the other alternative without approval of the MMS. (A) * * * After an election is made, the lessee may not change methods without MMS approval. * * *	100	1	100
206.157(b)(3)(i) .....	206.157(b)(3)(i) * * * Except as provided in this paragraph, the lessee may not take an allowance for transporting a product which is not royalty bearing without MMS approval.	100	1	100
206.157(b)(3)(ii) .....	206.157(b)(3)(ii) * * * the lessee may propose to the MMS a cost allocation method on the basis of the values of the products transported. * * *	100	1	100
206.157(b)(4) .....	206.157(b)(4) Where both gaseous and liquid products are transported through the same transportation system, the lessee shall propose a cost allocation procedure to MMS. * * * The lessee shall submit all relevant data to support its proposal. * * *	100	1	100
206.157(b)(5) .....	206.157(b)(5) You may apply for an exception from the requirement to compute actual costs under paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4) of this section.	100	1	100
206.157(c)(1)(i) .....	206.157(c) Reporting Requirements. (1) Arm's-length contracts. (i) You must use a separate entry on Form MMS-2014 to notify MMS of a transportation allowance.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.157(c)(1)(ii) .....	206.157(c)(1)(ii) The MMS may require you to submit arm's-length transportation contracts, production agreements, operating agreements, and related documents. * * *	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.157(c)(2)(i) .....	206.157(c)(2) Non-arm's-length or no contract. (i) You must use a separate entry on Form MMS-2014 to notify MMS of a transportation allowance.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.157(c)(2)(iii) .....	206.157(c)(2)(iii) The MMS may require you to submit all data used to calculate the allowance deduction. * * *	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		

RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
206.157(e)(2), (e)(3), and (f)(1) ....	<p>206.157(e) Adjustments. (2) For lessees transporting production from onshore Federal leases, the lessee must submit a corrected Form MMS–2014 to reflect actual costs, together with any payment, in accordance with instructions provided by MMS.</p> <p>(3) For lessees transporting gas production from leases on the OCS, if the lessee's estimated transportation allowance exceeds the allowance based on actual costs, the lessee must submit a corrected Form MMS–2014 to reflect actual costs, together with its payments, in accordance with instructions provided by MMS. * * *</p> <p>(f) Allowable costs in determining transportation allowances. * * * (1) Firm demand charges paid to pipelines. * * * if you receive a payment or credit from the pipeline for penalty refunds, rate case refunds, or other reasons, you must reduce the firm demand charge claimed on the Form MMS–2014 by the amount of that payment. You must modify Form MMS–2014 by the amount received or credited for the affected reporting period and pay any resulting royalty and late payment interest due;</p>	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		
206.158(c)(3) .....	<p>206.158(c)(3) Upon request of a lessee, MMS may approve a processing allowance in excess of the limitation prescribed by paragraph (c)(2) of this section. * * * An application for exception (using Form MMS–4393, Request to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation) shall contain all relevant and supporting documentation for MMS to make a determination. * * *</p>	80	8	640
206.158(d)(2)(i) .....	<p>206.158(d)(2)(i) If the lessee incurs extraordinary costs for processing gas production from a gas production operation, it may apply to MMS for an allowance for those costs * * *.</p>	80	1	80
206.158(d)(2)(ii) .....	<p>206.158(d)(2)(ii) * * * to retain the authority to deduct the allowance the lessee must report the deduction to MMS in a form and manner prescribed by MMS.</p>	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		
206.159(a)(1)(i) .....	<p>206.159(a) Arm's-length processing contracts. (1)(i) * * * The lessee shall have the burden of demonstrating that its contract is arm's-length. * * *</p> <p>The lessee must claim a processing allowance by reporting it on a separate line entry on the Form MMS–2014.</p>	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
		Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		
206.159(a)(1)(iii) .....	<p>206.159(a)(1)(iii) * * * When MMS determines that the value of the processing may be unreasonable, MMS will notify the lessee and give the lessee an opportunity to provide written information justifying the lessee's processing costs.</p>	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.159(a)(3) .....	<p>206.159(a)(3) If an arm's-length processing contract includes more than one gas plant product and the processing costs attributable to each product cannot be determined from the contract, the lessee shall propose an allocation procedure to MMS. * * * The lessee shall submit all relevant data to support its proposal. * * *</p>	20	1	20
206.159(b)(1) .....	<p>206.159(b) Non-arm's-length or no contract ..... (1) * * * The lessee must claim a processing allowance by reflecting it as a separate line entry on the Form MMS–2014. * * *</p>	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010–0139.		

RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR 202, 204, 206, and 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
206.159(b)(2)(iv) and (b)(2)(iv) (A)	206.159(b)(2)(iv) * * * When a lessee has elected to use either method for a processing plant, the lessee may not later elect to change to the alternative without approval of the MMS. (A) * * * After an election is made, the lessee may not change methods without MMS approval * * *.	100	1	100
206.159(b)(4)	206.159(b)(4) A lessee may apply to MMS for an exception from the requirements that it compute actual costs in accordance with paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(3) of this section. * * *	100	1	100
206.159(c)(1)(i)	206.159(c) Reporting requirements—(1) Arm's-length contracts. (i) The lessee must notify MMS of an allowance based on incurred costs by using a separate line entry on the Form MMS-2014.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.159(c)(1)(ii)	206.159(c)(1)(ii) The MMS may require that a lessee submit arm's-length processing contracts and related documents. * * *	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.159(c)(2)(i)	206.159(c)(2) Non-arm's-length or no contract. (i) The lessee must notify MMS of an allowance based on incurred costs by using a separate line entry on the Form MMS-2014.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
206.159(c)(2)(iii)	206.159(c)(2)(iii) Upon request by MMS, the lessee shall submit all data used to prepare the allowance deduction. * * *	AUDIT PROCESS. See note.		
206.159(e)(2) and (e)(3)	206.159(e) Adjustments (2) For lessees processing production from onshore Federal leases, the lessee must submit a corrected Form MMS-2014 to reflect actual costs, together with any payment, in accordance with instructions provided by MMS. (3) For lessees processing gas production from leases on the OCS, if the lessee's estimated processing allowance exceeds the allowance based on actual costs, the lessee must submit a corrected Form MMS-2014 to reflect actual costs, together with its payment, in accordance with instructions provided by MMS * * *.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0139.		
<b>Oil and Gas Valuation Subtotal</b>			117	8,672

**PART 210—FORMS AND REPORTS**  
**Subpart D—Special-Purpose Forms and Reports—Oil, Gas, and Geothermal**

210.155(a)	210.155(a) General. Operators who have been granted a reduced royalty rate by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) * * * must submit Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification, under 43 CFR * * *.  NOTE: BLM terminated the benefits of this program and is processing a final rule to remove this program from the regulations.	1.2	150	180
<b>Total</b>			277	9,378

**Note:** Audit Process—The Office of Regulatory Affairs determined that the audit process is exempt from the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 because MMS staff asks non-standard questions to resolve exceptions.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden:* We have identified no “non-Hour cost” burden associated with the 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 a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*Comments:* Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA Section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency to “\* \* \* provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register**

\* \* \* 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.

The PRA also requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting “non-hour cost” burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. If you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our ICR submission for OMB approval, including appropriate adjustments to the estimated burden. We will provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request. We also will post the ICR at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm).

**Public Comment Policy:** We will post all comments, including names and addresses of respondents, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Before including your address, phone 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 us in your comment to withhold from public view your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Arlene Bajusz (202) 208-7744.

Dated: April 6, 2010.

**Gregory J. Gould,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2010-MRM-0004]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0120).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The title of this information collection request (ICR) is “30 CFR Parts 202, 206, 210, 212, 217, and 218, Solid Minerals and Geothermal Collections.”

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before *June 11, 2010*.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this ICR to MMS by any of the following methods. Please use “ICR 1010-0120” as an identifier in your comment.

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter MMS-2010-MRM-0004, and then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments. The MMS will post all comments.

- Mail comments to Armand Southall, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 61013B, Denver, Colorado 80225. Please reference ICR 1010-0120 in your comments.

- Hand-carry comments or use an overnight courier service. Our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, West 6th Ave.,

and Kipling St., Denver, Colorado 80225. Please reference ICR 1010-0120 in your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on technical issues, contact Glenn W. Kepler, Sr., Solid Minerals and Geothermal (SM&G), Minerals Revenue Management (MRM), MMS, telephone (303) 231-3346, or e-mail [glenn.kepler@mms.gov](mailto:glenn.kepler@mms.gov). For other comments or questions, contact Armand Southall, Regulatory Specialist, Project Management Office—Regulations, MRM, MMS, telephone (303) 231-3221, or e-mail [armand.southall@mms.gov](mailto:armand.southall@mms.gov). You may contact Mr. Southall to obtain copies, at no cost, of (1) the ICR, (2) any associated forms, and (3) the regulations that require the subject information collection.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** 30 CFR Parts 202, 206, 210, 212, 217, and 218, Solid Minerals and Geothermal Collections.

**OMB Control Number:** 1010-0120.

**Bureau Form Numbers:** Forms MMS-4430, MMS-4292, and MMS-4293.

**Abstract:** The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands, collect the royalties due, and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The Secretary also has a trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. The MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out the Department’s trust responsibility for Indian lands.

Public laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands are posted at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm).

When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share (royalty) of the value received from production from the leased lands. The lease creates a business relationship between the lessor and the lessee. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. The information collected includes data necessary to assure that royalties are accurately valued and appropriately paid.

The MMS, acting for the Secretary, uses all of the collected information to support the Minerals Revenue