

one State lease application per year. Section 250.171 requests a fee for either a Suspension of Operations or Production Request (SOO/SOP). We have not identified any other non-hour paperwork cost burdens associated with this collection of information.

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

Dated: March 10, 2010.

Sharon Buffington,

Acting Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket no. MMS-2010-OMM-0011]

MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0142, Decommissioning Activities, Extension of a Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0142).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, Subpart Q, “Decommissioning Activities.”

DATES: Submit written comments by May 21, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch at (703) 787-1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulation that requires the subject collection of information.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below.

• *Electronically:* go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled

“Enter Keyword or ID,” enter docket ID MMS-2010-OMM-0011 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this collection. 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 ICR 1010-0142 in your comment and include your name and return address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart Q, Decommissioning Activities.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0142.

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 1332(6) states that “operations in the [O]uter 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.”

This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to the Minerals Management Service (MMS). The regulations at 30 CFR 250, Subpart Q, concern decommissioning of platforms, wells, and pipelines, as well as site clearance and platform removal and are the subject of this collection.

Regulations at 30 CFR 250, Subpart Q, implement these statutory requirements. We use the information for the following reasons:

• To determine the necessity for allowing a well to be temporarily abandoned, the lessee/operator must

demonstrate that there is a reason for not permanently abandoning the well, and the temporary abandonment will not constitute a significant threat to fishing, navigation, or other uses of the seabed. We use the information and documentation to verify that the lessee is diligently pursuing the final disposition of the well, and the lessee has performed the temporary plugging of the wellbore.

- The information submitted in "initial" decommissioning plans in the Alaska and Pacific OCS Regions will permit MMS to become involved on the ground floor planning of the world-class platform removals anticipated to occur in these OCS regions.

- Site clearance and platform or pipeline removal information ensures that all objects (wellheads, platforms, etc.) installed on the OCS are properly

removed using procedures that will protect marine life and the environment during removal operations, and the site cleared so as not to conflict with or harm other uses of the OCS.

- Decommissioning a pipeline in place is needed to ensure that it will not constitute a hazard to navigation and commercial fishing operations, unduly interfere with other uses of the OCS, or have adverse environmental effects.

- The information is necessary to verify that decommissioning activities comply with approved applications and procedures and are satisfactorily completed.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its 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. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

Frequency: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Potential respondents comprise Federal oil, gas, or sulphur lessees and/or operators.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 17,991 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. 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 Q	Reporting requirement	Hour burden
		Non-hour cost burden
General		
1700 thru 1754	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart Q regulations.	3
1703; 1704	Request approval for decommissioning—burden included below	0
1704(g); 1712; 1716; 1717; 1721(a), (d), (f), (g); 1722(a), (b), (d); 1723(b); 1743(a).	Submit form MMS-124 to plug wells; provide subsequent report; request alternate depth departure; request procedure to protect obstructions above seafloor; report within 30 days, results of trawling; certify area cleared of obstructions; remove casing stub or mud line suspension equipment and subsea protective covering; or other departures.	Burden included under 1010-0141.
Permanently Plugging Wells		
1711	Required data if permanently plugging a well (requirement not considered IC under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(9)).	0
1713	Notify MMS 48 hours before beginning operations to permanently plug a well25
Temporary Abandoned Wells		
1721(e); 1722(e), (h)(1); 1741(c)	Identify and report subsea wellheads, casing stubs, or other obstructions; mark wells protected by a dome; mark location to be cleared as navigation hazard.	U.S. Coast Guard requirements.
1722(c), (g)(2)	Notify MMS within 5 days if trawl does not pass over protective device or causes damages to it; or if inspection reveals casing stub or mud line suspension is no longer protected.	.25
1722(f), (g)(3)	Submit annual report on plans for re-entry to complete or permanently abandon the well and inspection report.	2
1722(h)	Request waiver of trawling test	2
Removing Platforms and Other Facilities		
1726; 1704(a)	Submit initial decommissioning application in the Pacific OCS Region and Alaska OCS Region.	20
1725; 1727; 1728; 1730; 1704(b)	Submit final application and appropriate data to remove platform or other subsea facility structures (including alternate depth departure) or approval to maintain, to conduct other operations, or to convert to artificial reef.	20
1725(e)	Notify MMS 48 hours before beginning removal of platform and other facilities	\$.25
1729; 1704(c)	Submit post platform or other facility removal report; supporting documentation; signed statements, etc.	8
1731(c)	Request deferral of facility removal subject to RUE issued under 30 CFR 285.	
Site Clearance for Wells, Platforms, and Other Facilities		
1740	Request approval to use alternative methods of well site, platform, or other facility clearance.	12

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1743(b); 1704(f)	Verify permanently plugged well, platform, or other facility removal site cleared of obstructions; supporting information; submit certification letter.	18
Pipeline Decommissioning		
1750; 1751; 1752; 1754; 1704(d)	Submit application to decommission pipeline in place or remove pipeline (L/T or ROW).	10
		\$1,059 L/T application fee.
		\$2,012 ROW application fee.
1753; 1704(e)	Submit post pipeline decommissioning report	3

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden: We have identified three non-hour paperwork cost burdens for this collection. Respondents pay filing fees when removing a platform or other facility under § 250.1727 for \$4,342, or for decommissioning a pipeline under § 250.1751(a)—L/T for \$1,059 or a ROW for \$2,012. The application filing fees are required to recover the Federal Government’s processing costs. We have not identified any other “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

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Dated: March 15, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2010-OMM-0010]

MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0043, Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations, Renewal of a Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of an information collection (1010-0043).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, Subpart F, “Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations.”

DATES: Submit written comments by May 21, 2010.

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