

accredited Universities that can provide geologic data to support NCRDS and other energy assessment projects being conducted by the Energy Resources Program.

Data submitted to NCRDS by external cooperators constitute more than two-thirds of the USGS point-source stratigraphic database (USTRAT) on coal occurrence. In 2012, NCRDS supported 30 projects in 23 States. This program is conducted under various authorities, including 30 U.S.C. 208–1, 42 U.S.C. 15801, and 43 U.S.C. 31 et seq. This collection will consist of applications, proposals and reports (annual and final).

I. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028–0094.

Title: Energy Cooperatives to Support the National Coal Resources Data System (NCRDS).

Respondent Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: One time every 5 years for applications and final reports; annually for progress reports.

Affected Public: Individuals; State, local and tribal governments; State Geological Surveys, universities, and businesses.

Annual burden hours: 300.

Estimated Annual Number of

Respondents: 26.

Estimated Annual Number of

Responses: 35 (9 applications 26 reports).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost”: None.

II. Request for Comments

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.

On October 12, 2012, we published a **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 62253) announcing that we would submit this information collection to OMB for approval. The notice provided a 60-day comment period ending on December 10, 2012. We did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Dated: January 23, 2013.

Brenda Pierce,

Program Coordinator, USGS Energy Resources Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites public comments on its proposals to: (1) Request approval to continue the collection of information from persons who seek authorization for free use of mineral or vegetative materials; and (2) Use one form for vegetative materials, and a different form for mineral materials. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has assigned control number 1004–0001 to this information collection.

DATES: Please submit comments on the proposed information collection by April 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202–245–0050.

Electronic mail:
Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov.

Please indicate “Attn: 1004–0001” regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Bechdolt, at 202–912–7234 (vegetative materials); or George Brown, at 202–912–7118 (mineral materials) Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339, to leave a message for Mr. Bechdolt or Mr. Brown.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies an information collection that the BLM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor 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.

The BLM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) The accuracy of the agency’s burden estimates; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany our submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

Title: Free Use Application and Permit for Vegetative or Mineral Materials (43 CFR Parts 3600, 3620, and 5510).

OMB Control Number: 1004–0001.

Summary: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collects information from respondents for free use permits for vegetative or mineral materials in

order to: (1) Determine whether the applicant is eligible for free use, (2) Determine whether the vegetative or mineral materials at issue qualify for free use; (3) Determine whether free use is consistent with pertinent land use plans and authorities; and; (4) Monitor the authorized removal and uses of vegetative and mineral materials to ensure sustainable resource management and verify that the actual use is consistent with the authorization. At present, the BLM uses the same form for free use of both vegetative and

mineral materials. In this request, the BLM seeks approval to use one form for vegetative materials, and a different form for mineral materials.

Frequency of Collection On occasion.

Proposed Forms:

- Form 3604–1, Free Use Application and Permit For Mineral Materials; and
- Form 5510–1, Free Use Application and Permit for Vegetative Materials.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals seeking authorization for free use of mineral or vegetative materials.

Estimated Annual Responses:

- 160 mineral materials applications; and
- 250 vegetative material applications.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours:

- 120 burden hours for mineral materials; and
- 125 burden hours for vegetative materials.

Estimated Annual Non-Hour Costs: None.

The estimated annual burdens of this collection are itemized below:

A. Type of response	B. Number of responses	C. Hours per response	D. Total hours (Column B × Column C)
Form 5510–1, Free Use Application and Permit For Vegetative Materials	250	0.50	125
Form 3604–1, Free Use Application and Permit For Mineral Materials	160	0.75	120
Totals	410	245

Jean Sonneman,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 30-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue the collection of information regarding leases of solid minerals other than coal and oil shale. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) previously approved this information collection activity, and assigned it control number 1004–0121.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, written comments should be received on or before March 4, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1004–0121), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202–395–5806, or by electronic mail at

OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM. You may do so via mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240. *Fax:* to Jean Sonneman at 202–245–0050.

Electronic mail:

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Please indicate “Attn: 1004–0121” regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vince Vogt, at 202–912–7125. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, to leave a message for Mr. Vogt. You may also review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 provide that an agency may not conduct or sponsor 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. In order to obtain and renew an OMB control number, Federal agencies are required to seek public comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)).

As required at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 2012

(77 FR 59415), and the comment period ended November 26, 2012. The BLM received one comment in response to this from the public in response to this notice. The comment neither addressed, nor was germane to, this information collection. Therefore, the BLM has not changed the collection in response to the comment.

The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM’s estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments as directed under **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004–0121 in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.