

## Supporting Statement A

### Coal Management Revisions (43 CFR Parts 3000 and 3400 through 3480)

OMB CONTROL NUMBER 1004-XXXX

**Terms of Clearance:** None.

#### General Instructions

A completed Supporting Statement A must accompany each request for approval of a collection of information. The Supporting Statement must be prepared in the format described below, and must contain the information specified below. If an item is not applicable, provide a brief explanation. When the question “Does this ICR contain surveys, censuses, or employ statistical methods?” is checked “Yes,” then a Supporting Statement B must be completed. OMB reserves the right to require the submission of additional information with respect to any request for approval.

#### Specific Instructions

#### Justification

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection.**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) seeks a new control number in association with a proposed rule for coal management (RIN 1004-AD93). The primary purpose of the proposed rule is to implement Title IV, Subtitle D of the Energy Policy Act (EPAAct) of 2005, Public Law No. 109-58, 119 Stat. 594 (“Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 2005”). Other relevant statutes are the Mineral Leasing Act, 30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*; the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands, 30 U.S.C. 351-359; the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*, as well as the Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 2005.

The proposed rule includes new information collection activities, as well as proposed modifications of activities currently authorized under control number 1004-0073, the existing control number for coal management. After promulgating a final rule and receiving OMB approval, the BLM intends to request that the new control number be combined with existing control number 1004-0073. Therefore, the BLM intends that, over the long term, all of the information collection requirements and burdens associated with coal management will be authorized under control number 1004-0073.

- 2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection. Be specific. If this collection is a form or a questionnaire, every question needs to be justified.**

The BLM is requesting a new control number for the following aspects of the proposed rule:

### **Fixed Processing Fees – Revisions of 43 CFR 3000.12**

The BLM includes in its request for a new control number three amendments of the schedule for fixed processing fees at 43 CFR 3000.12. These amendments would increase the non-hour costs, by \$170 per response, associated with one existing information collection (i.e., Request for Payment of Advance Royalty in Lieu of Continued Operation (43 CFR subpart 3483)). These amendments would also impose non-hour costs associated with two proposed information collection requirements, as follows:

- \$160 per response for each Application for History of Timely Payments Determination (Proposed 43 CFR 3474.10); and
- \$170 per response for each Application to Extend an LMU Beyond the Initial 40-Year Period (Proposed 43 CFR 3487.10).

A complete discussion of how the amounts of these fees were determined is in the preamble of the proposed rule.

### **Application for History of Timely Payments Determination – New 43 CFR 3474.10**

Proposed section 3474.10 would implement Section 436 of the EPAct, which is codified as an amendment to the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 201(a)(4)(A) and (B)). Effective August 8, 2005, Section 436 prohibits the BLM from requiring a surety bond or any other financial assurance to guarantee payment of deferred bonus bid installments where a lessee has “a history of a timely payment of noncontested coal royalties and advanced coal royalties in lieu of production (where applicable) and bonus bid installment payments.” Section 436 also authorizes the BLM to waive requirements for the same types of financial assurances for leases granted before August 8, 2005, so long as the lessee has a “history of timely payments.”

This provision refers to the BLM’s recovery of fair market value for a coal lease by requiring lessees to pay:

- a “bonus” paid at the time a lease is issued;
- regularly scheduled rental payments to continue to hold the lease; and
- royalties paid on the value of the coal after it has been mined.

Proposed section 3474.10 would address Section 436 with respect to Federal coal leases issued both before and after August 8, 2005. For Federal coal leases issued before August 8, 2005, the BLM may waive the bond requirement for deferred bonus bid installment payments if the BLM determines, in consultation with the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), that the lessee or successor in interest has a history of timely payments of non-contested royalties, advance royalties, and bonus bid installment payments. For leases issued on or after August 8, 2005, the BLM will waive the requirement so long as the BLM determines, in consultation with

the ONRR, that the lessee or successor in interest has a history of timely payments.

Under proposed section 3474.10, an application for a history of timely payments determination, if granted by the BLM, would result in a waiver as described above. The BLM has decided not to develop a specific form for this application.

The proposed rule would require the following information in such an application:

- The name, address, and phone number of the applicant and the applicant's primary contact person;
- Identification of the lease or leases for which the applicant requests a surety bond or other financial guarantee waiver for deferred bonus bid installment payments;
- Identification of the surety bonds or other financial-guarantee instruments, if applicable, that the applicant desires to reduce or discontinue;
- The serial numbers and names of the lessee(s) of record of all Federal coal leases that constitute the basis for a history of timely payments determination and sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the Federal coal leases are under the control of the lessee(s) of record;
- The number of the relevant Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) mining permit and mine name or the Logical Mining Unit (LMU) serial number and LMU name that are controlled by or under common control with the history of timely payments applicant, and that adjoin the lease or leases for which the applicant requests a surety bond or other financial guarantee waiver for deferred bonus bid installment payments; and
- Any other information requested by the BLM.

#### **Removal of Requirement to Submit a 3-Year R2P2 – Revision of 43 CFR 3482.1(b)**

The proposed rule would remove from 43 CFR 3482.1(b) the requirement to submit a 3-year operations and reclamation plan (i.e., an R2P2). This proposal would result in a program change decreasing the public burden from 980 responses to 975 responses annually, and a related decrease in the respondents' hour burden from 19,600 to 19,500 hours annually, for the information collection titled, "Resource Recovery and Protection Plans (43 CFR Part 3480, Subpart 3482)."

This revision is in accordance with Section 435 of the EPO Act, which eliminated the requirement for the lessee or mine operator to provide the BLM with an operations and reclamation plan under the MLA, as amended (30 U.S.C. 207(c)), within 3 years of lease issuance. However, the MLA still requires that an operations and reclamation plan be approved by the Secretary before mining begins (see 43 CFR 3482.1(b)). (The BLM implements this statutory requirement with

its regulatory requirement of an R2P2.)

### **Application for Formation or Modification of an LMU – Revision of 43 CFR Subpart 3487**

The BLM is proposing to revise the information collection titled, “43 CFR Part 3480, Subpart 3487, Application for Formation or Modification of a Logical Mining Unit (LMU).” An LMU is an area of land in which the recoverable coal reserves can be developed in an efficient, economical, and orderly manner as a unit with due regard to conservation of recoverable coal reserves and other resources. An LMU may include one or more Federal leases, or it may consist of intervening or adjacent lands in which the United States does not own the coal.

In the proposed rule, the BLM would re-designate part of the existing LMU regulation on the contents of an LMU application (i.e., section 3487.1(c)(2)) as new section 3487.2(b). Redesignated section 3487.2(b) would be amended to require a complete description of all lands to be included in the proposed LMU; and:

- (1) The names and addresses of all surface land owners that hold an interest in the lands within the LMU and the legal land description of their respective tracts;
- (2) The names and addresses of all entities that hold or control an interest in the mineral rights to the land that are within the LMU, a description of the mineral rights, and the legal land description of their respective mineral rights or interests, including identification of each lease or agreement by serial number or other identifier;
- (3) Identification of the coal beds proposed to be included in and excluded from the LMU;
- (4) A narrative that describes and quantifies the coal reserve base, the minable reserve base, and the recoverable coal reserves within the LMU, categorized by coal bed and mineral ownership for all minable coal within the LMU boundary. The applicant must also provide a narrative describing how the minability of the coal was determined; and
- (5) A narrative that describes and quantifies Federal coal that is proposed to be excluded from the LMU, including a discussion of the rationale for excluding particular coal beds or areas.

This proposal would aid the BLM in making a determination that the LMU applicant has the right to enter and mine coal from all the lands proposed to be within an LMU. Since the quantity and quality of the information varies depending to a great extent on the geographic location of the LMU, the BLM will not develop a specific form to report this information. The BLM estimates this requirement would add an estimated 5 public burden hours (from 170 hours per response to 175 hours per response) to each of the two anticipated LMU applications per year.

### **Requirement to Describe Mineral Interest Within an LMU – Re-designation and revision of 43 CFR 3487.1(c)(2) as 43 CFR 3487.2(b))**

The BLM proposes to re-designate existing section 3487.1(c)(2) as new section 3487.2(b), and codify a provision of the LMU Guidelines that has required a description of other mineral interests within the LMU as a part of the LMU application. This proposal would aid the BLM in making a determination that the LMU applicant has the right to enter and mine coal from all the lands proposed to be within an LMU. Since the quantity and quality of the information varies depending to a great extent on the geographic location of the LMU, the BLM will not develop a specific form to report this information.

### **Application to Extend an LMU Beyond the Initial 40-Year Period – New 43 CFR 3487.10**

Section 433 of the EPLA (codified at 30 U.S.C. 202a(2)) provides that the Secretary may extend the term of an LMU beyond the 40th year. The BLM includes in its request for a new control number, proposed section 3487.10, which would provide for applications to extend the term of an LMU beyond the initial 40-year period in increments of 10 years or less. The BLM does not intend to develop a specific form for these applications.

Under proposed section 3487.10, an application to extend an LMU term beyond the initial 40-year period must provide sufficient information for the BLM to determine whether the extension complies with the provisions at proposed section 3487.5(b)(1) or proposed § 3487.5(b)(2). The text of proposed section 3487.5(b)(1) appears in the existing coal management regulations as 43 CFR 3487.1(f)(2)(i), which requires respondents to show that mining operations on the LMU would achieve maximum economic recovery of Federal recoverable coal reserves within the LMU.

The text of proposed section 3487.5(b)(2) appears in the existing coal management regulations as 43 CFR 3487.1(f)(2)(ii), which requires respondents to show that mining operations on the LMU would facilitate development of the coal reserves in an efficient, economical, and orderly manner.

### **3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden and specifically how this collection meets GPEA requirements.**

Respondents are lessees, licensees, or designated operators who apply to conduct mineral exploration or extraction activities. The information requested is unique to each applicant and to each specific lease or license. Due to the unique characteristics of each lease or license, the BLM has adopted various means of information collection on non-form required information because the respondents are required to supply this information on an as-needed basis and attach very lengthy attachments. The BLM will accept non-form information in various forms such as e-mails and computer diskettes from respondents who wish to submit the information electronically. The BLM maintains this information in detailed case files for each lease or

license.

No forms are associated with the collection activities in the proposed rule. However, forms currently associated with control number 1004-0073 are electronically available to the public in fillable, printable format on BLM's Forms Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/noc/st/en/business/eForms.html>. In the electronic format, respondents may complete the application and may choose to submit them electronically by scanning and then emailing it to the appropriate BLM office.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.**

The information we collect is specific to a particular location, lease, license, or applicant. The BLM sometimes shares information about mining operations with the Forest Service and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and information related to royalty payment and production verification with the Minerals Management Service. In addition, the BLM sometimes needs to obtain information that is required by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) concerning ground control and ventilation restrictions.

**5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

We estimate that 75 percent of the private-sector respondents qualify as small businesses. The information required from all respondents is limited to the minimum necessary to maintain a complete and accurate record of who is conducting mining operations on the public lands and what they do while on the public lands.

**6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.**

The BLM manages and carries out the responsibilities of the Federal Coal Management Program. Failure to collect the requested information, it would prevent the BLM from knowing who is conducting mining operations and where the mining operations are located. Verification of production helps to ensure that royalty is paid for all the coal produced and sold. Reducing the burden will hinder or preclude the collection of sufficient information to determine if applicants meet the statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements. Reducing the burden will also severely limit the BLM's ability to track and audit coal production, thereby impairing the MMS's ability to ensure that royalty receipts for coal produced from the public lands have been properly paid.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:**

- \* requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than

- quarterly;
- \* requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;
- \* requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;
- \* requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records, for more than three years;
- \* in connection with a statistical survey that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;
- \* requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;
- \* that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or
- \* requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secrets, or other confidential information, unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

There are no special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the requirements in 5 CFR 1320.5.

8. **If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and in response to the PRA statement associated with the collection over the past three years, and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

**Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

**Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every three years — even if the collection of information activity is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that may preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.**

The BLM will invite public comments in its proposed rule.

9. **Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

We do not provide payments or gifts to the respondents.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

The BLM collects some information considered confidential and proprietary (43 CFR 2.21). Respondents must clearly identify all confidential and proprietary information, in accordance with 43 CFR 3481.3(b). In addition, we protect the applicant's confidentiality to the extent such action is consistent with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.**

We do not require respondents to answer questions of a sensitive nature.

**12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should:**

- \* **Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. Unless directed to do so, agencies should not conduct special surveys to obtain information on which to base hour burden estimates. Consultation with a sample (fewer than 10) of potential respondents is desirable. If the hour burden on respondents is expected to vary widely because of differences in activity, size, or complexity, show the range of estimated hour burden, and explain the reasons for the variance. Generally, estimates should not include burden hours for customary and usual business practices.**
- \* **If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens.**
- \* **Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories. The cost of contracting out or paying outside parties for information collection activities should not be included here.**

As shown in Table 12-1, below, we determined the weighted average hourly cost using national Bureau of Labor Statistics data at: [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_nat.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm). The benefits multiplier of 1.4 is supported by information at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ecec.pdf>.

**Table 12-1  
Hourly Cost Calculations**



<b>A. Occupational Category</b>	<b>B. Hourly Pay Rate (\$/hour)</b>	<b>C. Hourly Rate with Benefits (Column B x 1.4)</b>	<b>D. Percent of Collection Time Completed by Each Occupation</b>	<b>E. Weighted Avg. (\$/hour) (Column C x Column D)</b>
General Office Clerk SOC 43-9061	\$13.90	\$19.46	10%	\$1.95
Mining Engineer SOC 17-2151	\$43.30	\$60.62	80%	\$48.50
Supr. Mining Engineer SOC 11-9041	\$62.19	\$87.07	10%	\$8.70
<b>TOTAL</b>			100%	\$59.15

The estimated changes in annual hour and cost burdens are itemized in Tables 12-2 and 12-3, below. Table 12-2 shows estimated hour burdens for new collection activities, and Table 12-3 shows estimated hour burdens for collection activities within control number 1004-0073 that would be revised by the proposed rule.

The weighted average hourly wage shown in Column E of each table was calculated as indicated in Table 12-1, above. The estimates in Tables 12-2 and 12-3 include time spent for researching, preparing, and submitting information. The frequency of response is “on occasion.”

**Table 12-2 — Estimated Hour Burdens for Proposed Information Collection Changes:  
New Collection Activities**

<b>A. Proposed Change</b>	<b>B. Estimated Number of Responses Annually</b>	<b>C. Estimated Hours Per Response</b>	<b>D. Estimated Hour Burden (Column B x Column C)</b>	<b>E. Estimated Annual Cost (Column D x \$59.15)</b>
Application for History of Timely Payments Determination (New 43 CFR 3474.10)	3	8	24	\$1,420
Application to Extend an LMU Beyond the Initial 40-Year Period (New 43 CFR 3487.10)	1	5	5	\$296
<b>Totals</b>	4		29	\$1,716

**Table 12-3 — Estimated Hour Burdens for Proposed Information Collection Changes:**

### Revisions of Existing Collection Activities

A. Proposed Change	B. Estimated Number of Responses Annually	C. Estimated Hours Per Response	D. Estimated Hour Burden (Column B x Column C)	E. Estimated Annual Cost (Column D x \$59.15)
Removal of “3-year R2P2” Requirement from “43 CFR Part 3480, Subpart 3482 Resource Recovery and Protection Plans” (Revised 43 CFR 3482.1(b))	975 (5 fewer responses than in the IC currently authorized under control number 1004-0073)	20	19,500 (100 fewer hours than in the IC currently authorized under control number 1004-0073)	\$1,153,425
Revision of “43 CFR Part 3840, Subpart 3487 Application for Formation or Modification of Logical Mining Unit” (Revision of 43 CFR 3487.1(c)(2) and re-designation as 43 CFR 3487.2(b))	2 (Same as the number of responses in the IC currently authorized under control number 1004-0073)	175 (5 hours more than in the IC currently authorized under control number 1004-0073)	350 (10 more than in the IC currently authorized under control number 1004-0073)	\$20,703
Totals	977		19,850	\$1,174,128

The estimated burdens shown in Tables 12-2 and 12-3 total 981 responses and 19,879 hours annually. In addition, this request includes 12 responses and 264 hours for the collection activity titled “43 CFR Part 3480 Subpart 3483 Request for Payment of Advance Royalty in Lieu of Continued Operation.” While these burdens are currently authorized under control number 1004-0073, the proposed rule includes a new processing fee for this collection.

In all, this request includes 993 responses and 20,143 hours.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual non-hour cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden already reflected in item 12.)**

- \* **The cost estimate should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component (annualized over its expected useful life) and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information (including filing fees paid for form processing). Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors**

including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities.

- \* If cost estimates are expected to vary widely, agencies should present ranges of cost burdens and explain the reasons for the variance. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. In developing cost burden estimates, agencies may consult with a sample of respondents (fewer than 10), utilize the 60-day pre-OMB submission public comment process and use existing economic or regulatory impact analysis associated with the rulemaking containing the information collection, as appropriate.
- \* Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services, or portions thereof, made: (1) prior to October 1, 1995, (2) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection, (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government, or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

**Table 13 — Proposed Processing Fees**

<b>A. Proposed Change</b>	<b>B. Estimated Number of Responses Annually</b>	<b>C. Estimated Fee for Each Response</b>	<b>D. Total Estimated Fees Annually (Column B x Column C)</b>
New Processing Fee for New IC: Application for History of Timely Payments Determination (New 43 CFR 3474.10)	3	\$160	\$480
New Processing Fee for Existing IC: Request for Payment of Advance Royalty in Lieu of Continued Operation\ (Revised 43 CFR subpart 3483)	12	\$170	\$2,040
New Processing Fee for New IC: Application to Extend an LMU Beyond the Initial 40-Year Period (New 43 CFR 3487.10)	1	\$170	\$170
Totals	16		\$2,690

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff),**

**and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

The hourly cost to the Federal Government is based on data at: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2013/general-schedule/2013-gs-hourlyovertime-rates-by-grade-and-step/>. The benefits multiplier of 1.5 is implied by information at: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecec.nr0.htm>.

**Table 14-1 — Weighted Average Federal Wage Cost**

<b>A. Occupational Category and GS Level</b>	<b>B. Hourly Pay Rate (\$/hour)</b>	<b>C. Hourly Rate with Benefits (Column B x 1.5)</b>	<b>D. Percent of Collection Time Completed by Each Occupation</b>	<b>E. Weighted Avg. (\$/hour) (Column C x Column D)</b>
Clerical GS-5/5	\$14.90	\$22.35	10%	\$2.24
Land Law Examiner GS-9/5	\$22.57	\$33.86	30%	\$10.16
Geological or Mining Engineer GS-12/5	\$32.73	\$49.10	60%	\$29.46
Total				\$41.86

Table 14-2, below, shows the estimated, annualized Federal costs for each information collection activity in the proposed rule. The weighted average hourly wage associated with these information collections is shown at Table 14-1, above.

**Table 14-2 — Estimated Annual Cost to the Government**

<b>A. Proposed Change</b>	<b>B. Number of Responses Annually</b>	<b>C. Hours per Response</b>	<b>D. Annual Hour Burden (Column B x Column C)</b>	<b>F. Annual Cost (Column D x \$41.86)</b>
Application for History of Timely Payments Determination (New 43 CFR 3474.10)	3 (new collection)	8	24	\$1,005

<b>A. Proposed Change</b>	<b>B. Number of Responses Annually</b>	<b>C. Hours per Response</b>	<b>D. Annual Hour Burden (Column B x Column C)</b>	<b>F. Annual Cost (Column D x \$41.86)</b>
Application to Extend an LMU Beyond the Initial 40-Year Period (New 43 CFR 3487.10)	1 (new collection)	5	5	\$209
Removal of “3-year R2P2” Requirement from “43 CFR Part 3480, Subpart 3482 Resource Recovery and Protection Plans” (Revised 43 CFR 3482.1(b))	975 (5 fewer responses than currently authorized under control no. 1004-0073)	32	31,200	\$1,306,032
Revision of “43 CFR Part 3840, Subpart 3487 Application for Formation or Modification of Logical Mining Unit” (Revision of 43 CFR 3487.1(c)(2) and re-designation as 43 CFR 3487.2(b))	2	175 (5 more hours than currently authorized under control no. 1004-0073)	350	\$14,651
Totals	981		31,579	\$1,321,897

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments in hour or cost burden.**

The collection activities in the proposed rule will become program changes to 1004-0073 if they are included in a final rule, approved by OMB, and consolidated with the collections in that control number. These program changes in hour burdens are itemized in Table 15. The program changes in non-hour burdens are \$2,690 in new processing fees, as shown In Table 13, above.

**Table 15  
Estimated Changes in Hour Burdens**

<b>A. Proposed Change</b>	<b>B. Estimated Number of Responses Annually</b>	<b>C. Estimated Hours Per Response</b>	<b>D. Estimated Hour Burden (Column B x Column C)</b>	<b>F. Estimated Net Change Annually</b>
Application for History of Timely Payments Determination (Proposed 43 CFR 3474.10)	3	8	24	3 more responses and 24 more hours.
Application to Extend an LMU Beyond the Initial 40-Year Period (Proposed 43 CFR 3487.10)	1	5	5	1 more response and 5 more hours
Removal of “3-year R2P2” Requirement from “43 CFR Part 3480, Subpart 3482 Resource Recovery and Protection Plans” (Revised 43 CFR 3482.1(b))	975	20	19,500	5 fewer responses and 100 fewer hours.
Revision of “43 CFR Part 3840, Subpart 3487 Application for Formation or Modification of Logical Mining Unit” (Revision of 43 CFR 3487.1(c) (2) and re-designation as 43 CFR 3487.2(b))	2	175	350	Same number of responses and 10 more hours.

**16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.**

The BLM has no plans to collect information only for the purpose of publishing them. The data collected relates to the administration of new and current Federal coal leases. We may publish some information at a summary level in the BLM’s “Public Land Statistics” publication. No personal information is compiled in a database used to create this report.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.**

BLM will display the expiration date of the OMB approval.

**18. Explain each exception to the topics of the certification statement identified in "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions."**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.