

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

[OMB Control Number 1615-0104]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, Form I-918, and Supplements A and B of Form I-918; Revision of a Currently Approved Collection****ACTION:** 60-Day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment upon this proposed revision of a currently approved collection of information or new collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the information collection notice is published in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments regarding the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e. the time, effort, and resources used by the respondents to respond), the estimated cost to the respondent, and the actual information collection instruments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until November 10, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0104 in the subject box, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2010-0004. To avoid duplicate submissions, please use only one of the following methods to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* You may access the **Federal Register** Notice and submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site by visiting [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). In the search box either copy and paste, or type in, the e-Docket ID number USCIS-2010-0004. Click on the link titled Open Docket Folder for the appropriate Notice and supporting documents, and click the Comment Now tab to submit a comment;

(2) *Email.* Submit comments to [USCISFRComment@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:USCISFRComment@uscis.dhs.gov);

(3) *Mail.* Submit written comments to DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments**

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all

submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Note:** The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning this information collection. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check "My Case Status" online at: <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status; and Supplement A and B.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* Form I-918; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households.* This application permits victims of certain qualifying criminal activity and their immediate family members to apply for temporary nonimmigrant status.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Form I-918—26,400 responses at 5 hours per response; Supplement A—17,808 responses at 1.5 hour per response; Supplement B—26,400 responses at 1 hour per response, as well as 44,208 biometric-related responses at 1.17 hours (1 hour and 10 minutes).

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 236,835.36 annual burden hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2140, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: September 4, 2014.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement**

[Docket ID BSEE-2014-0004; OMB Control Number 1014-0018; 14XE1700DX EEEE500000 EX1SF0000.DAQ000]

**Information Collection Activities: Oil and Gas Drilling Operations; Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** 30-day notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), BSEE is notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) for review and approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under Subpart D, *Oil and Gas Drilling Operations*. This notice also provides

the public a second opportunity to comment on the revised paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** You must submit comments by October 10, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by either fax (202) 395-5806 or email (*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1014-0018). Please provide a copy of your comments to BSEE by any of the means below.

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter BSEE-2014-0004 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.

- Email *nicole.mason@bsee.gov*, fax (703) 787-1546, or mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Standards Branch; ATTN: Nicole Mason; 381 Elden Street, HE3313; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference ICR 1014-0018 in your comment and include your name and return address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nicole Mason, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1605, to request additional information about this ICR. To see a copy of the entire ICR submitted to OMB, go to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (select Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR 250, Subpart D, *Oil and Gas Drilling Operations*.

*Form(s):* BSEE-0125; BSEE-0133, BSEE-0133S, and BSEE-0144.

*OMB Control Number:* 1014-0018.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act at 43 U.S.C. 1334 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the leasing provisions of the Act related to mineral resources on the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease, right-of-way, or a right-of-use and easement. 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.

In addition to the general rulemaking authority of the OCS Lands Act at 43 U.S.C. 1334, section 301(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1751(a), grants authority to the Secretary to prescribe such rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out FOGRMA's provisions. While the majority of FOGRMA is directed to royalty collection and enforcement, some provisions apply to offshore operations. For example, section 108 of FOGRMA, 30 U.S.C. 1718, grants the Secretary broad authority to inspect lease sites for the purpose of determining whether there is compliance with the mineral leasing laws. Section 109(c)(2) and (d)(1), 30 U.S.C. 1719(c)(2) and (d)(1), impose substantial civil penalties for failure to permit lawful inspections and for knowing or willful preparation or submission of false, inaccurate, or misleading reports, records, or other information. Because the Secretary has delegated some of the authority under FOGRMA to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), 30 U.S.C. 1751 is included as additional authority for these requirements.

These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to BSEE.

The regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart D, concern oil and gas drilling operations and are the subject of this collection. This request also covers any related Notices to Lessees and Operators (NLTs) that BSEE issues to clarify, supplement, or provide additional guidance on some aspects of our regulations.

This ICR includes four forms. In this submission, we have included a certification statement on all the forms to state that false submissions are subject to criminal penalties.

A minor change to include Alaska and Pacific OCS Regional contact information was made on Form BSEE-0144.

Once this ICR is approved, the revisions will be added to the forms and the eWell screen shot(s), and the revised PRA statement will be posted on the eWell Web site.

Regulations implementing these responsibilities are among those delegated to BSEE. Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a

sensitive nature are asked. The BSEE protects information considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and DOI's implementing regulations (43 CFR 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR Part 250.197, *Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection*, 30 CFR Part 252, *OCS Oil and Gas Information Program*.

The BSEE uses the information to ensure safe drilling operations and to protect the human, marine, and coastal environment. Among other things, BSEE specifically uses the information to ensure:

- The drilling unit is fit for the intended purpose;
- the lessee or operator will not encounter geologic conditions that present a hazard to operations;
- equipment is maintained in a state of readiness and meets safety standards;
- each drilling crew is properly trained and able to promptly perform well-control activities at any time during well operations; and
- compliance with safety standards; and
- the current regulations will provide for safe and proper field or reservoir development, resource evaluation, conservation, protection of correlative rights, safety, and environmental protection.

We also review well records to ascertain whether drilling operations have encountered hydrocarbons or H<sub>2</sub>S and to ensure that H<sub>2</sub>S detection equipment, personnel protective equipment, and training of the crew are adequate for safe operations in zones known to contain H<sub>2</sub>S and zones where the presence of H<sub>2</sub>S is unknown.

*Frequency:* On occasion, daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, and varies by section.

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

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* The estimated annual hour burden for this ICR is a total of 102,512 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. 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 D and NTL(s)	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement*	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours (rounded)
<b>General Requirements</b>				
402(b) .....	Request approval to use blind or blind-shear ram or pipe rams and inside BOP.	0.5	352 requests .....	176
403 .....	Notify BSEE of drilling rig movement on or off drilling location (BSEE-0144).	0.2	BSEE-0144 .....	63
404 .....	Perform operational check of crown block safety device; record results (weekly).	0.25	86 drilling rigs × 52 weeks = 4,472 records.	1,118
408, 409 .....	Apply for use of alternative procedures and/or departures not requested in BSEE forms (including discussions with BSEE or oral approvals).	Burden covered under 1014-0025.	0.	
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	5,136 .....	1,357
<b>Apply for a Permit to Drill</b>				
408-418, 420(a)(6); 423(b)(3), (c); 449(j), (k); 456(j); plus in subparts A, B, D, E, H, P, Q..	Submit Application for Permit to Drill (APD Form BSEE-0123 and BSEE-0123S) that includes any/all supporting documentation and requests for various approvals required in subpart D (including §§ 250.425(a), 427, 428, 432, 447(c), 448(b),(c), 451(g), 460, 490(c)) submitted via the form; upon request, make available to BSEE.	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
410(b); 417(b) .....	Reference Well and site-specific information approved in your Exploration Plan, Development and Production Plan, Development Operations Coordination Document in your APD.	Burdens pertaining to EPs, DPPs, DOCDs are covered under BOEM 1010-0151 and APDs are covered under 1014-0025.		0
416(g)(2) .....	Provide 72 hour advance notice of location of shearing ram tests or inspections; allow BSEE access to witness testing, inspections, and information verification.	0.25	156 notifications	39
416(g)(2) .....	Submit evidence that demonstrates that the Registered Professional Engineer/firm has the expertise and experience necessary to perform the verification(s); allow BSEE access to witness testing; verify info submitted to BSEE.	0.25	733 submittals ..	184
417(a), (b) .....	Collect and report additional information on case-by-case basis if sufficient information is not available.	5	46 reports .....	230
417(c) .....	Submit 3rd party review of drilling unit according to 30 CFR 250, subpart I.	Burden covered under 1014-0011.		0
418(e) .....	Submit welding and burning plan according to 30 CFR 250, subpart A.	Burden covered under 1014-0022.		0
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	935 .....	453
<b>Casing and Cementing Requirements</b>				
420(b)(3) .....	Submit dual mechanical barrier documentation after installation.	0.75	533 submittals ..	400
420(b)(3) .....	Request approval for alternative options to installing barriers.	0.25	58 requests .....	15
423(a) .....	Request and receive approval from District Manager for repair.	0.5	86 requests .....	43
423(b)(4), (c)(2) .....	Perform pressure casing test; document results and make available to BSEE upon request.	0.75	1,606 tests .....	1,205
423(c)(5) .....	Immediately contact District Manager when problem corrected due to failed negative pressure test; submit a description of corrected action taken; and receive approval from District Manager to retest.	1	20 notifications	20
423(c)(7) .....	Submit documentation of successful negative pressure test in the End of Operations Report (EOR, Form BSEE-0125).	2	BSEE-0125 45 submittals.	90

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart D and NTL(s)	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement*	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours (rounded)
424 .....	Caliper, pressure test, or evaluate casing; submit evaluation results; request approval before resuming operations or beginning repairs (every 30 days during prolonged drilling).	1	68 requests .....	68
425(a) .....	Request approval from District Manager to use other test pressures for liners.	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
426 .....	Record results of all casing and liner pressure tests	2	4,259 record results.	8,518
427(a) .....	Record results of all pressure integrity tests and hole behavior observations re-formation integrity and pore pressure.	2	4,226 record results.	8,452
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	10,901 .....	18,811
<b>Diverter System Requirements</b>				
434; 467 .....	Perform diverter tests when installed and once every 7 days; actuate system at least once every 24-hour period; record results (average 2 per drilling operation); retain all charts/reports relating to diverter tests/actuators at facility for duration of drilling well.	2	620 records .....	1,240
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	620 .....	1,240
<b>Blowout Preventer (BOP) System Requirements</b>				
442(c) .....	Request alternative method for the accumulator system.	Burden covered under 1014-0022.		0.
442(f)(3) .....	Demonstrate that your secondary control system will function properly.	5	6 validations .....	30
442(h) .....	Label all functions on all panels .....	1.5	45 panels .....	68
442(i) .....	Develop written procedures for management system for operating the BOP stack and LMRP.	8	39 procedures ..	312
442(j) .....	Establish minimum requirements for authorized personnel to operate critical BOP equipment; require training.	Burden covered under 1014-0008		0
446(a) .....	Document BOP maintenance and inspection procedures used; record results of BOP inspections and maintenance actions; maintain records for 2 years; make available to BSEE upon request.	3	86 records .....	258
447(c) .....	Request approval from District Manager to omit BOP pressure test. Indicate which casing strings and liners meet the criteria of this section.	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
449(j)(2) .....	Notify District Manager at least 72 hours prior to stump/initial test on seafloor.	0.25	150 notifications	38
449(j)(3) .....	Document all ROV intervention function test results; make available to BSEE upon request.	1	150 tests .....	150
449(k) .....	Document all autoshear and deadman function test results for your subsea BOP systems; make available to BSEE upon request..	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
450; 467 .....	Document and record BOP pressure tests results, actuations and inspections; at a minimum every 14 days; as stated for components; sign as correct. Retain all records, including charts, reports, and referenced documents for the duration of drilling the well.	11	236 test results	2,596
451(c) .....	Record reason for postponing BOP test (on occasion—approx. 2/year) in driller's report.	0.25	86 records .....	22

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart D and NTL(s)	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement*	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours (rounded)
451(g) .....	Demonstrate that well control procedures/well conditions will not place demands above its rating working pressure and obtain approval from District Manager.	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	798 .....	3,474
<b>Drilling Fluid Requirements</b>				
456(b), (i) .....	Document/record in the driller's report every time you circulate drilling fluid; results of drilling fluid tests.	1	4,160 records ...	4,160
456(c), (f) .....	Perform various calculations; post calculated drill pipe, collar, and drilling fluid volume; as well as maximum pressures.	1	4,259 postings ..	4,259
456(j) .....	Submit detailed step-by-step procedures describing displacement of fluids with your APD (this submittal obtains District Manager approval).	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
458(b) .....	Record daily drilling fluid and materials inventory in drilling fluid report.	0.5	30,295 records	15,148
459(a)(3) .....	Request exception to procedure for protecting negative pressure area.	Burden included under 1014-0022.		0
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	38,714 .....	23,567
<b>Other Drilling Requirements</b>				
449(j); 460; 465; plus in A, D, E, F, H, P, and Q.	Provide revised plans and the additional supporting information required by the cited regulations when you submit an Application for Permit to Modify (APM) (Form BSEE-0124) to BSEE for approval; or a Revised APM.	Burden covered under 1014-0026.		0
420(b)(3); 423(b)(7); 465(a); plus various ref in A, E, F, and P.	Submit Form BSEE-0125, End of Operations Report (EOR), and additional supporting information as required by the cited regulations.	2	BSEE-0125 ..... 279 submittals ..	558
460 .....	Submit plans and obtain approval to conduct well test; notify BSEE before test.	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
461(a-b); 466(e); 468(a); .....	Record and submit well logs and surveys run in the wellbore and/or charts of well logging operations (including but not limited to).	3	302 logs/surveys	906
NTL .....	Record and submit directional and vertical-well surveys.	1	302 reports .....	302
	Record and submit velocity profiles and surveys .....	1	45 reports .....	45
461(e) .....	Record and submit core analyses .....	1	130 analyses ...	130
	Provide copy of well directional survey to affected leaseholder.	0.75	11 occasions ...	9
462(a) .....	Prepare and post well control drill plan for crew members.	0.5	314 plans .....	157
462(c) .....	Record results of well-control drills .....	1	8,632 results .....	8,632
463(b) .....	Request field drilling rules be established, amended, or canceled.	4	6 requests .....	24
465(a)(1) .....	Obtain approval to revise your drilling plan or change major drilling equipment by submitting a revised BSEE-0123, Application for Permit to Drill and BSEE-0123S, Supplemental APD Information Sheet.	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
428, .....				
449(j) & k(1), 456(j) .....				
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	10,021 .....	10,763

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart D and NTL(s)	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement*	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours (rounded)
<b>Applying for a Permit to Modify and Well Records</b>				
466, 467 .....	Retain drilling records for 90 days after drilling is complete; retain casing/liner pressure, diverter, and BOP records for 2 years; retain well completion/well workover until well is permanently plugged/abandoned or lease is assigned.	2.15	3,526 records ...	7,581
468(b); 465(b)(3) .....	In the GOM OCS Region, submit drilling activity reports weekly on Forms BSEE-0133 (Well Activity Report) and BSEE-0133S (Bore Hole Data) and supporting information. (The burden includes approximately 1 hour per response for filling out these forms.)	1	BSEE-0133 4,160 submittals.	4,160
		1	BSEE-0133S 4,160 submittals.	4,160
468(c) .....	In the Pacific and Alaska OCS Regions during drilling operations, submit daily drilling reports. N/A in GOM .....	1	33 wells × 365 days × 20% year = 2,409 reports.	2,409
469; NTL .....	As specified by region, submit well records, paleontological interpretations or reports, service company reports, and other reports or records of operations.	1.5	341 submissions	512
Subtotal .....			14,596 .....	18,822

**Hydrogen Sulfide**

490(c), (d) .....	Submit request for reclassification of H <sub>2</sub> S zone; notify BSEE if conditions change.	Burden covered under 1014-0025.		0
490(f); also in 418(d) .....	Submit contingency plans for operations in H <sub>2</sub> S areas (16 drilling, 6 work-over, 6 production).	30	28 plans .....	840
490(g) .....	Post safety instructions; document training; retain records at facility where employee works; train on occasion and/or annual refresher (approx. 2/year).	4	34 records .....	136
490(h)(2) .....	Document and retain attendance for weekly H <sub>2</sub> S drills and monthly safety mtgs until operations completed or for 1 year for production facilities at nearest field office.	2	2,514 records ...	5,028
490(i) .....	Display warning signs—no burden as facilities would display warning signs and use other visual and audible systems.			0
490(j)(7-8) .....	Record H <sub>2</sub> S detection and monitoring sensors during drilling testing and calibrations; make available upon request.	4	4,328 records ...	17,312
490(j)(12) .....	Propose alternatives to minimize or eliminate SO <sub>2</sub> hazards—submitted with contingency plans—burden covered under § 250.490(f)			0
490(j)(13) (vi) .....	Label breathing air bottles—no burden as supplier normally labels bottles; facilities would routinely label if not.			0
490(l) .....	Notify without delay of unplanned H <sub>2</sub> S releases (approx. 2/year).	Oral 0.2 Written 5	24 notifications  24 written reports.	5  120
490(o)(5) .....	Request approval to use drill pipe for well testing .....	2	4 requests .....	8
490(q)(1) .....	Seal and mark for the presence of H <sub>2</sub> S cores to be transported—no burden as facilities would routinely mark transported cores			0
490(q)(9) .....	Request approval to use gas containing H <sub>2</sub> S for instrument gas.	2	2 requests .....	4
490(q)(12) .....	Analyze produced water disposed of for H <sub>2</sub> S content and submit results to BSEE.	3	164 submittals ..	492

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart D and NTL(s)	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement*	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours (rounded)
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	7,122 .....	23,945
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
400-490 .....	General departure or alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart D.	2	30 requests .....	60
NTL .....	Voluntary submit to USCG read only access to the EPIRB data for their moored drilling rig fleet before hurricane season.	.25	80 submittals ....	20
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	110 .....	80
Total Burden .....	.....	.....	88,953 .....	102,512

\* The forms mentioned in this collection, for the most part, are currently submitted electronically using eWell. In the future, BSEE will be allowing the option of electronic reporting for certain requirements not necessarily associated with a form.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:** We have not identified any non-hour cost burdens associated with this collection of information.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

**Comments:** Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “. . . to provide notice . . . 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 collection is necessary or useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy 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 technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on April 14, 2014, we published a **Federal Register** notice (79 FR 20897) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 250.199 provides the OMB Control Number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart D regulations and forms. The regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We received one comment in response to the **Federal Register** notice. We offer the

following in response: the commenter has expressed concern over the certification statement we are adding to the forms associated with this collection will be “*elevating*” the accuracy of information submitted on the forms to “*criminal*” status. The certification statement on the forms is a standard statement on many Government forms. Anyone who knowingly submits false information to the Government may be subject to civil and criminal penalties even if the statement does not appear on the form. The statement is intended to remind submitters that there are penalties for intentional false statements and BSEE has a range of enforcement options available to ensure the Government has the information it needs to promote safe and environmentally protective operations on the OCS.

Another concern expressed by the commenter was in reference to information/questions on Form BSEE-0123 being unnecessary or already submitted in eWell. With respect to the information submitted on paper forms versus eWell, BSEE has initiated the eWell System for all three BSEE OCS Regions. To date, only the Gulf of Mexico Region has eWell fully operational. With that said, operators/lessees must be given the option to use paper forms until all three BSEE OCS Regions can utilize eWell. Currently 100 percent of all paper forms are being submitted in the Pacific OCS Region and the Alaska OCS Region.

In regards to the commenters concerns about proposed changes to Form BSEE-0125 being redundant with Form BOEM-0140, BSEE agrees this is duplicative information and has removed Nos. 34(a)-Bottom Hole Pressure and 34(b)-Bottom Hole Temperature from Form BSEE-0125.

With respect to the commenters concerns that BSEE is significantly underestimating the burden hours associated with Form BSEE-0123-Application for Permit to Drill (APD), BSEE agrees. Between the 60-day FR notice (79 FR 20897, April 14, 2014) associated with this collection and this submission, we removed the APD—BSEE-0123, including a revised APD, Supplemental APD Information Sheet (BSEE-0123S), and those regulatory requirements that were previously associated with this collection. We separated out these requirements and burdens and put them into a separate information collection so that both industry and BSEE will have a better understanding of the complexities associated with all the information that is submitted and will reflect more accurate burden estimates. The OMB approved the request and assigned the APD ICR with OMB Control Number 1014-0025 on April 29, 2014. As stated previously, all information collection **Federal Register** notices provide an opportunity to comment on the burdens during the 60- and 30-day comment period, as well as commenting to OMB anytime on the information collection burdens. We received no comments during the 60- or 30-day comment period during the APD ICR process.

**Public Availability of Comments:** 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.

*Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Cheryl Blundon, 703-787-1607.

Dated: August 21, 2014.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Availability of a Technical/Agency Draft Recovery Plan for the Dusky Gopher Frog

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of the technical/agency draft recovery plan for the endangered dusky gopher frog. We request review and comment on this draft recovery plan from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public.

**DATES:** In order to be considered, comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 10, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to review this technical/agency draft recovery plan, you may obtain a copy by visiting the Service's Mississippi Field Office Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/mississippiES/> or by contacting Linda LaClaire, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mississippi Ecological Services Field Office, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Jackson, MS 39213; tel. (601) 321-1126. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by one of the following methods:

1. You may submit written comments and materials to Linda LaClaire, at the above address.

2. You may hand-deliver written comments to our Mississippi Field Office, at the above address, or fax them to (601) 965-4340.

3. You may send comments by email to [linda\\_laclaire@fws.gov](mailto:linda_laclaire@fws.gov). Please include "Dusky Gopher Frog Recovery Plan Comments" on the subject line.

For additional information about submitting comments, see the "Request for Public Comments" section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda LaClaire (see **ADDRESSES** above).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service),

announce the availability of the technical/agency draft recovery plan for the endangered dusky gopher frog (*Rana sevosa*). The draft recovery plan includes specific recovery objectives and criteria the dusky gopher frog would have to meet in order for us to downlist it to threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; Act). We request review and comment on this draft recovery plan from local, State, and Federal agencies, and the public.

#### Background

The dusky gopher frog was listed as an endangered species under the Act on December 4, 2001 (66 FR 62993). At the time of the original listing, the species was identified as the Mississippi gopher frog, a distinct population segment of what was then considered the dusky gopher frog (*Rana capito sevosa*). Subsequent to the listing, taxonomic research was completed that indicated the Mississippi gopher frog was different from other gopher frogs and warranted acceptance as its own species. In 2012, the Service officially recognized the listed entity as the dusky gopher frog, *Rana sevosa*, based on this research and the original description of the species given this name.

Dusky gopher frogs are terrestrial amphibians endemic to the longleaf pine ecosystem of southeastern Louisiana, coastal Mississippi, and coastal Alabama to the Mobile River drainage. Currently, it is only found at four localities in two Mississippi counties and has not been recently observed in either Alabama or Louisiana.

Approximately 625 hectares (1,544 acres) have been designated as critical habitat for the dusky gopher frog in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, and 1,996 hectares (4,933 acres) are designated in Forrest, Harrison, Jackson, and Perry Counties, Mississippi (77 FR 35118).

The dusky gopher frog has a Federal recovery priority number of 5, which indicates the species faces a high degree of threat and also has a low recovery potential.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of our endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we prepare recovery plans for most listed species. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species; establish criteria for downlisting or delisting; and estimate time and cost for implementing recovery measures.

The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species, unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires us to provide public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

#### Recovery Plan Components

The Service's recovery objectives are to work to reduce threats so that the dusky gopher frog may be downlisted to threatened status. Defining reasonable delisting criteria is not possible at this time, given the current low number of populations and individuals, lack of information about the species' biology, and magnitude of threats. Therefore, this recovery plan only establishes downlisting criteria for the dusky gopher frog.

*Downlisting of the dusky gopher frog will be considered when:*

1. Six viable metapopulations \* are documented within blocks of recovery focus areas (described in Section II of the recovery plan) and are widely distributed across the range of the species. The six metapopulations would include a minimum of 12 breeding ponds and would be distributed as follows:

a. One metapopulation in Block #1 (*Louisiana*. Portions of St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes, west to the Tangipahoa River);

b. Two metapopulations each in Block #2 (*South-Central Mississippi*. North of State Hwy. 26, between the Pearl and Pascagoula Rivers; Forrest County and portions of Lamar, Pearl River, Perry, and Stone Counties) and Block #3 (*South Mississippi*. South of Hwy. 26, between the Pearl and Pascagoula Rivers; Hancock and Harrison Counties, and portions of Jackson, George, Pearl River, and Stone Counties); and

c. One metapopulation in either Block #4 (*Eastern Mississippi*. East of Pascagoula/Leaf Rivers; portions of George, Greene, Jackson, and Wayne Counties) or Block #5 (*Alabama*. West of the Mobile River Delta; Mobile and Washington Counties, small portion of Choctaw County).

2. Long-term monitoring (10+ years) of each metapopulation documents population viability (viability standard to be defined through a recovery task). The 10-year timeframe will allow