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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Natural Resources Revenue

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#### Agency Information Collection

**Activities: Delegated and Cooperative Activities With States and Indian Tribes—OMB Control Number 1012-0003; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of an existing Information Collection.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) is notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR parts 1227, 1228, and 1229. This notice also provides the public with a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove this information collection request but may respond after 30 days; therefore, you should submit your public comments to OMB by September 24, 2015 for the assurance of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your written comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1012-0003), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, by email to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or telefax at (202) 395-5806. Please also mail a copy of your comments to Mr. Luis Aguilar, Regulatory Specialist, ONRR, P.O. Box 25165, MS 61030A, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165, or email [Luis.Aguilar@onrr.gov](mailto:Luis.Aguilar@onrr.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1012-0003 in your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on technical issues, contact Peter Hanley, State and Tribal Support, ONRR, at (303) 231-3721, or via email to [peter.hanley@onrr.gov](mailto:peter.hanley@onrr.gov). For other

questions, contact Mr. Luis Aguilar, at (303) 231-3418, or via email to [luis.aguilar@onrr.gov](mailto:luis.aguilar@onrr.gov). You may also contact Mr. Aguilar to obtain copies (free of charge) of (1) the ICR, (2) any associated forms, and (3) the regulations that require the subject collection of information. You may also review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Abstract

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953 (OCS Lands Act), Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, and Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982, the Secretary is required to manage mineral resource production on Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collect the royalties and other mineral revenues due, and distribute the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has a trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and to seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. ONRR performs the minerals revenue management functions for the Secretary and assists the Secretary in carrying out the Department's trust responsibility for Indian lands. Public laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands and the OCS are available at [http://www.onrr.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm](http://www.onrr.gov/Laws_R_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm).

When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share (royalty) of the value received from production on leased lands. The lessee, or the designee, must report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling such minerals. The information that ONRR collects includes data necessary to ensure that the lessee accurately values and appropriately pays all royalties and other mineral revenues due.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), which the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 amended, authorizes the Secretary to develop delegated and cooperative

agreements with States (30 U.S.C. 1735, sect. 205) and Indian Tribes (30 U.S.C. 1732, sect. 202) to conduct certain inspections, audits, investigations, or limited enforcement activities for oil and gas leases within their respective boundaries. The States and Indian Tribes are working partners and are an integral part of the overall onshore and offshore compliance effort. The Appropriations Act of 1992 also authorizes the States and Tribes to perform the same functions for coal and other solid mineral leases.

This collection of information is necessary in order to verify that States and Tribes are able to effectively conduct audits and related investigations of Federal and Indian oil, gas, coal, any other solid minerals, and geothermal royalty revenues from Federal and Tribal leased lands. Relevant parts of the regulations include 30 CFR parts 1227, 1228, and 1229, as described below:

Title 30 CFR part 1227—Delegation to States provides procedures to delegate certain Federal minerals revenue management functions to States for Federal oil and gas leases. This regulation also provides only audit and investigation functions to States for Federal geothermal and solid mineral leases, and leases subject to section 8(g) of the OCS Lands Act, within their State boundaries. In order for ONRR to consider a State for such delegation, the State must submit a written proposal to, and receive approval from, the ONRR Director. States also must provide periodic accounting documentation to ONRR, including an annual work plan and quarterly reimbursement vouchers.

Title 30 CFR part 1228—Cooperative Activities with States and Indian Tribes, provides procedures for Indian Tribes to carry out audits and related investigations of their respective leased lands. The Tribe must submit a written proposal to ONRR in order to enter into a cooperative agreement. The proposal must outline the activities that the Tribe will undertake and must present evidence that the Tribe can meet the Secretary's standards in order for the Tribe to conduct the activities. The Tribe also must submit an annual work plan and budget, as well as quarterly reimbursement vouchers.

Title 30 CFR part 1229—Delegation to States provides procedures for States to carry out audits and related investigations of leased Indian lands within their respective State boundaries by permission of the respective Indian Tribal councils or individual Indian mineral owners. The State must receive the Secretary's delegation of authority and submit annual audit work plans

detailing its audits and related investigations, annual budgets, and quarterly reimbursement vouchers. States also must maintain records according to section 1227.200(d).

ONRR protects proprietary information that the States and Tribes submit under this collection. We do not collect items of a sensitive nature. States and Tribes must respond in order to obtain the benefit of entering into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary.

**2. Data**

*Title:* 30 CFR parts 1227, 1228, and 1229, Delegated and Cooperative Activities with States and Indian Tribes.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1012-0003.  
*Bureau Form Numbers:* None.  
*Frequency:* Varies based on the function performed.  
*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 10 States and 6 Indian Tribes.  
*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 17,705 hours.  
*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour" Cost Burden:* We have identified no "non-

hour cost" burden associated with this collection of information.

We have not included in our estimates certain usual and customary requirements that States and Tribes perform in the normal course of business. This 30-day **Federal Register** notice burden chart shows an adjustment increase of +4,786 burden hours from the previous 60-day notice; we based this adjustment on comments that we received from the Shoshone-Arapaho and Navajo Tribes. The following table shows the estimated burden hours by CFR section and paragraph:

**RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS**

30 CFR section	Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Hour burden per response	Number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
<b>Part 1227—Delegation to States</b>				
<b>Delegation Proposals</b>				
1227.103; 107; 109; 110(a–b(1)); 110 (c–e); 111(a–b); 805.	What must a State's delegation proposal contain? ..... If you want ONRR to delegate royalty management functions to you, then you must submit a delegation proposal to the ONRR Deputy Director. ONRR will provide you with technical assistance and information to help you prepare your delegation proposal. . . .	200	1	200
<b>Delegation Process</b>				
1227.110(b)(2) .....	(b)(2) If you want to change the terms of your delegation agreement for the renewal period, you must submit a new delegation proposal under this part.	16	11	176
<b>Existing Delegations</b>				
<b>Compensation</b>				
1227.112(d) and (e) .....	What compensation will a State receive to perform delegated functions? You will receive compensation for your costs to perform each delegated function subject to the following conditions . . . (d) At a minimum, you must provide vouchers detailing your expenditures quarterly during the fiscal year. However, you may agree to provide vouchers on a monthly basis in your delegation agreement . . . (e) You must maintain adequate books and records to support your vouchers . . .	4	64	256
<b>States' Responsibilities To Perform Delegated Functions</b>				
1227.200(a), (b), (c) and (d) .....	What are a State's general responsibilities if it accepts a delegation? For each delegated function you perform, you must: (a) . . . seek information or guidance from ONRR regarding new, complex, or unique issues. . . . (b)(1) . . . Provide complete disclosure of financial results of activities; (2) Maintain correct and accurate records of all mineral-related transactions and accounts; (3) Maintain effective controls and accountability; (4) Maintain a system of accounts . . . . (5) Maintain adequate royalty and production information . . . . (c) Assist ONRR in meeting the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) . . . .	940	10	9,400



RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR section	Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Hour burden per response	Number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
1228.101(a) .....	Terms of agreement. (a) Agreements entered into under this part shall be valid for a period of 3 years and shall be renewable . . . upon request of . . . Indian Tribe. . . .	15	6	90
1228.101(d) .....	(d) . . . Indian Tribe will be given 60 days to respond to the notice of deficiencies and to provide a plan for correction of those deficiencies. . . .	80	1	80
1228.103(a) and (b) .....	Maintenance of records .....	940	6	5,640
1228.105(a)(1) and (a)(2) .....	Funding of cooperative agreements .....	60	6	360
1228.105(c) .....	(c) . . . Indian Tribe shall submit a voucher for reimbursement of eligible costs incurred within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter. . . . Indian Tribe must provide the Department a summary of costs incurred, for which . . . Indian Tribe is seeking reimbursement, with the voucher.	20	24	480
Subtotal Burden for 30 CFR Part 1228.	.....	.....	44	6,850

Part 1229—Delegation to States

Subpart C—Oil and Gas, Onshore

Administration of Delegations

1229.100(a)(1) and (a)(2) .....	<p>Authorities and responsibilities subject to delegation .....</p> <p>(a) All or part of the following authorities and responsibilities of the Secretary under the Act may be delegated to a State authority:</p> <p>(1) Conduct of audits related to oil and gas royalty payments made to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) which are attributable to leased . . . Indian lands within the State. Delegations with respect to any Indian lands require the written permission, subject to the review of the ONRR, of the affected Indian Tribe or allottee.</p> <p>(2) Conduct of investigation related to oil and gas royalty payments made to the ONRR which are attributable to . . . Indian lands within the State. Delegation with respect to any Indian lands require the written permission, subject to the review of the ONRR, of the affected Indian Tribe or allottee. No investigation will be initiated without the specific approval of the ONRR. . . .</p>	1	1	1
1229.101(a) and (d) .....	<p>Petition for delegation .....</p> <p>(a) The governor or other authorized official of any State which contains . . . Indian oil and gas leases where the Indian Tribe and allottees have given the State an affirmative indication of their desire for the State to undertake certain royalty management-related activities on their lands, may petition the Secretary to assume responsibilities to conduct audits and related investigations of royalty related matters affecting . . . Indian oil and gas leases within the State . . .</p>	1	1	1

## RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR section	Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Hour burden per response	Number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
1229.102(c) .....	(d) In the event that the Secretary denies the petition, the Secretary must provide the State with the specific reasons for denial of the petition. The State will then have 60 days to either contest or correct specific deficiencies and to reapply for a delegation of authority. Fact-finding and hearings .....	1	1	1
1229.103(c) .....	(c) A State petitioning for a delegation of authority shall be given the opportunity to present testimony at a public hearing. Duration of delegations; termination of delegations .....	1	1	1
1229.105 .....	(c) A State may terminate a delegation of authority by giving a 120-day written notice of intent to terminate. Evidence of Indian agreement to delegation .....	1	1	1
1229.106 .....	In the case of a State seeking a delegation of authority for Indian lands . . . the State petition to the Secretary must be supported by an appropriate resolution or resolutions of tribal councils joining the State in petitioning for delegation and evidence of the agreement of individual Indian allottees whose lands would be involved in a delegation. Such evidence shall specifically speak to having the State assume delegated responsibility for specific functions related to royalty management activities. Withdrawal of Indian lands from delegated authority .....	1	1	1
1229.109(a) .....	If at any time an Indian Tribe or an individual Indian allottee determines that it wishes to withdraw from the State delegation of authority in relation to its lands, it may do so by sending a petition of withdrawal to the State. . . . Reimbursement for costs incurred by a State under the delegation of authority.	1	1	1
1229.109(b) .....	(a) The Department of the Interior (DOI) shall reimburse the State for 100 percent of the direct cost associated with the activities undertaken under the delegation of authority. The State shall maintain books and records in accordance with the standards established by the DOI and will provide the DOI, on a quarterly basis, a summary of costs incurred . . . (b) The State shall submit a voucher for reimbursement of costs incurred within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter.	1	4	4

## Delegation Requirements

1229.120 .....	Obtaining regulatory and policy guidance .....	1	1	1
1229.121 .....	All activities performed by a State under a delegation must be in full accord with all Federal laws, rules and regulations, and Secretarial and agency determinations and orders relating to the calculation, reporting, and payment of oil and gas royalties. In those cases when guidance or interpretations are necessary, the State will direct written requests for such guidance or interpretation to the appropriate ONRR officials. . . . Recordkeeping requirements .....	1	1	1
	(a) The State shall maintain in a safe and secure manner all records, workpapers, reports, and correspondence gained or developed as a consequence of audit or investigative activities conducted under the delegation . . . (b) The State must maintain in a confidential manner all data obtained from DOI sources or from payor or company sources under the delegation . . .			

RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR section	Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Hour burden per response	Number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
1229.122	<p>(c) All records subject to the requirements of paragraph (a) must be maintained for a 6-year period measured from the end of the calendar year in which the records were created . . . Upon termination of a delegation, the State shall, within 90 days from the date of termination, assemble all records specified in subsection (a), complete all working paper files in accordance with § 229.124, and transfer such records to the ONRR.</p> <p>(d) The State shall maintain complete cost records for the delegation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. . . .</p> <p>Coordination of audit activities</p>	1	1	1
1229.123(b)(3)(i)	<p>(a) Each State with a delegation of authority shall submit annually to the ONRR an audit workplan specifically identifying leases, resources, companies, and payors scheduled for audit . . . A State may request changes to its workplan . . . at the end of each quarter of each fiscal year. All requested changes are subject to approval by the ONRR and must be submitted in writing.</p> <p>(b) When a State plans to audit leases of a lessee or royalty payor for which there is an ONRR or OIG resident audit team, all audit activities must be coordinated through the ONRR or OIG resident supervisor. . . .</p> <p>(c) The State shall consult with the ONRR and/or OIG regarding resolution of any coordination problems encountered during the conduct of delegation activities.</p> <p>Standards for audit activities</p> <p>(b)(3) <i>Standards of reporting.</i> (i) Written audit reports are to be submitted to the appropriate ONRR officials at the end of each field examination.</p>	1	1	1
1229.124	<p>Documentation standards</p> <p>Every audit performed by a State under a delegation of authority must meet certain documentation standards. In particular, detailed work papers must be developed and maintained.</p>	1	1	1
1229.125(a) and (b)	<p>Preparation and issuance of enforcement documents</p> <p>(a) Determinations of additional royalties due resulting from audit activities conducted under a delegation of authority must be formally communicated by the State, to the companies or other payors by an issue letter prior to any enforcement action. . . .</p> <p>(b) After evaluating the company or payor's response to the issue letter, the State shall draft a demand letter which will be submitted with supporting workpaper files to the ONRR for appropriate enforcement action. Any substantive revisions to the demand letter will be discussed with the State prior to issuance of the letter. . . .</p>	1	1	1
1229.126(a) and (b)	<p>Appeals</p> <p>(a) . . . The State regulatory authority shall, upon the request of the ONRR, provide competent and knowledgeable staff for testimony, as well as any required documentation and analyses, in support of the lessor's position during the appeal process.</p> <p>(b) An affected State, upon the request of the ONRR, shall provide expert witnesses from their audit staff for testimony as well as required documentation and analyses to support the Department's position during the litigation of court cases arising from denied appeals. . . .</p>	1	1	1
1229.127	<p>Reports from States</p> <p>The State, acting under the authority of the Secretarial delegation, shall submit quarterly reports which will summarize activities carried out by the State during the preceding quarter of the year under the provisions of the delegation. . . .</p>	1	1	1

## RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR section	Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Hour burden per response	Number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
Subtotal Burden for 30 CFR Part 229.	.....	19	19	
Total Burden .....	.....	.....	213	17,705

**III. Request for Comments**

Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires each agency to “\* \* \* provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*.”

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information that ONRR collects; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** on February 5, 2015 (80 FR 6540), announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. We received no unsolicited comments in response to the notice.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor—and a person is not required to respond to—a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Public Comment Policy:** ONRR will post all comments, including names and addresses of respondents at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Before including Personally Identifiable Information (PII), such as your address, phone number, email address, or other personal information in your comment(s), you should be aware that your entire comment (including PII) may be made available to the public at any time. While you may ask us, in your comment, to withhold PII from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: August 17, 2015.

**Gregory J. Gould,**

*Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue.*

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION****Notice of Receipt of Complaint; Solicitation of Comments Relating to the Public Interest**

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has received a complaint entitled *Certain Silicon-on-Insulator Wafers, DN 3083*; the Commission is soliciting comments on any public interest issues raised by the complaint or complainant's filing under section 210.8(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.8(b)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa R. Barton, Secretary to the Commission, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. The public version of the complaint can be accessed on the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) at EDIS,<sup>1</sup> and will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000.

General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at United States International Trade Commission (USITC) at [USITC](http://edis.usitc.gov).<sup>2</sup> The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's Electronic Document

<sup>1</sup> Electronic Document Information System (EDIS): <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

<sup>2</sup> United States International Trade Commission (USITC): <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

Information System (EDIS) at EDIS.<sup>3</sup> Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission has received a complaint and a submission pursuant to section 210.8(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure filed on behalf of Silicon Genesis Corp. on August 19, 2015. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain silicon-on-insulator wafers. The complainant names as a respondent S.O.I.TEC Silicon on Insulator Technologies, S.A. of France. The complainant requests that the Commission issue a permanent exclusion order, cease and desist orders, and a bond upon respondents' alleged infringing articles during the 60-day Presidential review period pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337(j).

Proposed respondents, other interested parties, and members of the public are invited to file comments, not to exceed five (5) pages in length, inclusive of attachments, on any public interest issues raised by the complaint or section 210.8(b) filing. Comments should address whether issuance of the relief specifically requested by the complainant in this investigation would affect the public health and welfare in the United States, competitive conditions in the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, or United States consumers.

In particular, the Commission is interested in comments that:

(i) Explain how the articles potentially subject to the requested remedial orders are used in the United States;

(ii) identify any public health, safety, or welfare concerns in the United States

<sup>3</sup> Electronic Document Information System (EDIS): <http://edis.usitc.gov>.