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Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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.

**Abstract:** This information collection requirement is needed to provide assistance to qualified small mine operators under 30 U.S.C. 1257. The information requested will provide the regulatory authority with data to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the capability and expertise of laboratories to perform required tasks.

**Title of Collection:** Permanent Regulatory Program—Small Operator Assistance Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029–0061.

**Form Number:** FS–6.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Businesses and state governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 4.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 4.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** Varies from 1 hours to 70 hours, depending on activity.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 93.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** One time.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** \$0.

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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Mark J. Gehlhar,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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Number 1029–0036]

#### Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Mark Gehlhar, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Room 4556–MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to [mgehlhar@osmre.gov](mailto:mgehlhar@osmre.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1029–0036 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Mark Gehlhar by email at [mgehlhar@osmre.gov](mailto:mgehlhar@osmre.gov), or by telephone at 202–208–2716. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may

also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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.

**Abstract:** Sections 507(b), 508(a), 510(b), 515(b) and (d), and 522 of 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.* require applicants to submit operation and reclamation plans for coal mining activities. This information collection is needed to determine whether the plans will achieve the reclamation and environmental protections pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Without this information, Federal and State regulatory authorities cannot review and approve permit application requests.

**Title of Collection:** Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0036.  
Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State governments and businesses.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 100.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 3,091.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 2 hours to 160 hours, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 96,158.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$791,900.

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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Mark J. Gehlhar,**

Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act**

On February 5, 2024, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in *United States and Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. City of Lowell, Massachusetts*, 1:24–cv–10290 (D. Mass.).

The United States filed a complaint for injunctive relief and civil penalties under sections 309(b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1319(b) and (d), against Defendant, City of Lowell for: (1) unpermitted and illegal discharges from its wastewater collection system, without authorization under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit and in violation of section 301 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311; and (2) unpermitted and illegal discharges of pollutants from its Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has moved to file an Intervenor’s Complaint alleging violations of the Clean Water

Act, the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, sections 26–53, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 314 C.M.R. sections 3.00, *et seq.*, 7.00, *et seq.*, and 12.00, *et seq.* Under the proposed Consent Decree among the parties, the City of Lowell must take measures necessary to achieve and maintain compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act, the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, and the City’s NPDES permit. These include measures to separate wastewater sewer pipes and stormwater pipes to prevent sewage discharges to the Merrimack and Concord Rivers and Beaver Brook from the combined pipes during rain events. Under the proposed Consent Decree, the City will also update and implement its Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination program to detect and eliminate illicit connections from wastewater pipes or other sources of wastewater to the stormwater system. Finally, under the proposed settlement, the City will pay a \$200,000 civil penalty for past noncompliance.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, and should refer to *United States and Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. City of Lowell, Massachusetts*, 1:24–cv–10290 (D. Mass.), D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–1–1–12515. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
By email .....	<a href="mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov">pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov</a> .
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044–7611.

Any comments submitted in writing may be filed by the United States in whole or in part on the public court docket without notice to the commenter.

During the public comment period, the proposed consent decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. If you require assistance accessing the proposed consent decree, you may request assistance by email or by mail

to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

**Henry S. Friedman,**

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

On February 5, 2024, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana in the lawsuit entitled *United States and State of Indiana v. 1500 South Tibbs LLC*, Civil Action No. 1:24–cv–235.

The proposed Consent Decree settles claims brought by the United States and the State of Indiana under sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607 against 1500 South Tibbs LLC (“Defendant”) seeking reimbursement of response costs and performance of remedial measures with respect to Reilly Tar and Chemical Superfund Site in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Consent Decree requires Defendant to pay the United States a total of \$112,805.24 for EPA’s response costs, pay the State a total of \$21,061.53 for its past response costs, pay future response costs incurred by the United States and the State, and perform the remedial “Work” defined in the Scope of Work, attached to the Consent Decree as Attachment A. The Work consists of designing and implementing a revised Operable Unit 1 (OU1) remedy for the treatment of groundwater underneath the Site and to continue operating and maintaining the remedies for contamination at the other Operable Units.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and State of Indiana v. 1500 South Tibbs LLC*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–3–1028/2. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail: