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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for
Office of Management and Budget Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved
information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0135).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)
(44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), we are notifying you that we have
submitted an information collection request (ICR) to the
Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and
approval. We are also soliciting your comments on this ICR
which describes the information collection, its expected
costs and burden, and how the data will be collected.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before
[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL
REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk
Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control
Number 1010-0135), 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
20503. Copies of these comments should also be sent to

David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225. Courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Email address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE: Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include Attn: Royalty-In-Kind Small Refiner Sale Program, OMB Control Number 1010-0135, and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact David S. Guzy directly at (303) 231-3432.

We will post public comments after the comment period closes on the Internet at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov>. You may arrange to view paper copies of the comments by contacting David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303)231-3432, FAX (303)231-3385. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review on the Internet and during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from

the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, email Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Royalty-In-Kind Small Refiner Sale Program

OMB Control Number: 1010-0135

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian Lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian Lands and the OCS; for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals; and for distributing the funds collected in accordance with

applicable laws. MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

When the Secretary determines that sufficient need exists among small refining companies to justify taking royalty oil in kind and offering this oil for sale to eligible refiners, small refiners may apply to participate in this sale of Federal royalty oil and follow procedures under which contracts for the purchase of royalty oil will be awarded. Completed applications to participate in the sale bid proposals, signed contracts, and surety instruments must be submitted to MMS.

The application must be complete and timely filed, and applicants for royalty oil will be required to provide a surety instrument with their bid package. This surety instrument must be a Letter of Credit, Form MMS-4071, or a Royalty-In-Kind Contract Surety Bond, Form MMS-4072. We estimate the annual reporting burden for refiners submitting either surety document is 1 hour.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Royalty payors

Frequency of Response: On occasion

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25 payors

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:

25 burden hours. Refer to the following chart:

Reporting & Recordkeeping Requirements	Frequency	Number of Respondents	Burden	Annual Burden Hours
Complete and submit Forms MMS-4071 and MMS-4072	yearly	25	25 x 1 hours	25 hours

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA 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 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 to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. OMB has up to 60 days

to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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