

purchase an equivalent amount of crude helium from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

The In-Kind Crude Helium Sales Contract requires that contract holders supply the following information to BLM:

(A) Section 3.3 asks for reporting each quarter the deliveries made of refined helium. The section refers to Addendum B of the contract, which specifies providing the following:

- (1) Company name;
- (2) Address and contract number;
- (3) Name of the Federal agency to which helium sold;
- (4) Date of delivery;
- (5) Sale reference number;
- (6) Location of helium use;
- (7) Volume; and
- (8) Units of helium sold during the itemized sales for the quarterly report.

BLM uses this information to track sales of refined helium and to determine the use of the helium.

(B) Section 3.5 requires helium suppliers to notify BLM 14 days in advance of needing Federal helium in order to provide BLM sufficient time to deliver the helium.

(C) Section 3.7 requires contractors to keep available for BLM inspection all pertinent documents and records. We use this information to audit the contractors and to determine whether or not helium sales were reported accurately.

(D) Section 7.4 prohibits assigning the contract to another contractor without BLM's prior approval.

BLM also requires the following nonform information at 43 CFR 3195:

(A) Federal helium suppliers and buyers must report the total itemized quarterly deliveries of helium within 45

calendar days after the end of the previous quarter.

(B) Federal helium suppliers must report the annual cumulative helium delivery report by November 15 of each year.

(C) The name of the company from which you purchased helium.

(D) The amount of helium you purchased and the date it was delivered.

(E) The helium use location.

Based on our experience administering the activities described above, we estimate the public reporting burden is one hour for the contract and two hours for the nonform quarterly helium sales reports at 43 CFR 3195. We estimate 76 respondents will submit a contract once and quarterly provide helium sales information. We estimate 380 responses per year and a total annual burden of 684 hours as indicated in the table below:

Requirement	Hours per responses	Number of responses	Burden hours
In-kind crude helium sales contract	1	76	76
Helium sales information	2	304	608
Total	380	684

We will summarize all responses to this notice and send them to OMB when we request approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for each of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) that have member terms expiring this year. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered

for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. These include three categories:

Category One—Holders of federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

Category Two—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups;

Category Three—Holders of State, county or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources,

academicians involved in natural sciences, representatives of Indian tribes, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State or States in which the RAC has jurisdiction. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM State Offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each RAC in the State. Nominations for RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed below.

Alaska

Alaska RAC

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