

We expect approximately 1,034 responses from 1,010 Federal lessees or designees and approximately 4

responses from 4 States annually. The table below shows the breakdown of

burden in the first year by proposed CFR section and paragraph:

30 CFR section	Reporting requirement	Burden hours per response	Annual number of responses	Annual burden hours
204.202(b); 204.205(a)	You must notify MMS under § 204.205(a) before taking [cumulative reporting] relief under this option * * * To take accounting relief under § 204.202, you must notify MMS in writing * * *.	2	1,000	2,000
204.202(c), (e), (f), (g); 204.210(c).	Submit your royalty report and payment * * * by the end of February * * * Submit your royalty report and payment by the end of March if you have an estimate on file * * * Report one line of cumulative royalty information on the Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, Form MMS-2014 * * * If you take relief you are not qualified for, you must * * * amend your Form MMS-2014 * * * You must report allowances on Form MMS-2014 on the same annual basis as the royalties for your marginal property * * * You must report and pay royalties for the portion of the calendar year * * * by the end of the month after you dispose of the marginal property * * * You must adjust your royalty payments if they are affected by any required BLM or OMM reallocation under the nonqualifying Agreement.	Burden covered under OMB Control Number 1010-0140		
204.203(b); 204.205(b)(1); 204.206(a)(3), (b).	You must request approval from MMS under § 204.205(b) before taking relief under this [other relief] option * * * To obtain [other] accounting or auditing relief under § 204.203, you must file a written request * * * You have 60 days from your receipt of MMS's notice to either accept or reject any modifications in writing * * * If your request for relief is not complete * * * you must submit the missing information within 60 days * * * You may submit a new request for relief * * * at any time after MMS returns your incomplete request.	4	10	40
204.208(c), (d)	* * * The State must notify the Associate Director for [MRM], in writing of its intent to allow or disallow one or both of the relief options * * * [and] specify in its notice of intent * * * which relief options it will allow or disallow * * * If it so decides * * * that it will allow one or both of the relief options previously denied * * * the State must notify the Associate Director * * * in writing * * * its intent to allow one or both of the relief options * * * [and] specify in its notice of intent * * * which relief options it will allow..	40	4	160
204.209(b)	You must notify MMS in writing by December 31 that the relief for your property has terminated.	.25	24	6
Total	1,038	2,206

As noted in the table above, the total burden hours for this information collection is 2,206 hours in the first year. Using an average cost of \$50 per hour, the total cost to respondents is \$110,300.

In the second year after this rule is effective and each year thereafter, the annual burden for this information collection will be substantially reduced to 406 hours and a total cost of \$20,300 (406 hours × \$50/hour). Because the reporting and payment relief for a qualified property is for the life of the property as long as the property produces less than 1,000 BOE per year, a notification under §§ 204.202(b) and 204.205(a) need only be filed one time. Consequently, we expect only 100 notifications for newly-qualifying properties in each subsequent year. The total estimated burden for notifications will decrease from 2,000 hours (1,000

responses × 2 hours) to 200 hours (100 responses × 2 hours) for a total decrease of 1,800 hours. MMS will notify OMB of this burden adjustment at the appropriate time. There are no additional recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection.

Effects on OMB Control Number 1010-0140, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, Form MMS-2014. We estimate that as a result of cumulative reporting, lessees will submit, and MMS will receive, a total of 22,000 fewer lines on Forms MMS-2014 each year. However, because this rule potentially impacts less than 0.9 percent of the total expected lines (22,000 lines ÷ 2,496,000 lines = .0088) each year, we are not revising our burden estimates for OMB Control Number 1010-0140 at this time. Our burden estimates for Form MMS-2014 are based on a combination of

historical information and informed but subjective judgments about future occurrences. Thus, our estimates are not sufficiently precise to project a measurable difference in burden for a potential minor decrease in reported lines.

Public Comment Policy. 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. Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA Section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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