

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0091).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 254, "Oil-Spill Response Requirements for Facilities Located Seaward of the Coast Line."

DATES: Submit written comments by June 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. If you wish to e-mail comments, the address is: rules.comments@mms.gov. Reference "Information Collection 1010-0091" in your e-mail subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arlene Bajusz, Rules Processing Team

(703) 787-1600. You may also contact Arlene Bajusz to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 254, Oil-Spill Response Requirements for Facilities Located Seaward of the Coast Line.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0091.

Abstract: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), requires that a spill-response plan be submitted for offshore facilities prior to February 18, 1993. The OPA specifies that after that date, an offshore facility may not handle, store, or transport oil unless a plan has been submitted. This authority and responsibility have been delegated to the Minerals Management Service (MMS). Regulations at 30 CFR part 254 establish requirements for spill-response plans for oil-handling facilities seaward of the coast line, including associated pipelines.

The MMS uses the information collected under 30 CFR part 254 to determine compliance with OPA by owners/operators. Specifically, MMS needs the information to:

- Determine effectiveness of the spill-response capability of owners/operators;
- Review plans prepared under the regulations of a State and submitted to MMS to satisfy the requirements of this rule to ensure that they meet minimum requirements of OPA;
- Verify that personnel involved in oil-spill response are properly trained and familiar with the requirements of the spill-response plans and to witness spill-response exercises;

- Assess the sufficiency and availability of contractor equipment and materials;

- Verify that sufficient quantities of equipment are available and in working order;

- Oversee spill-response efforts and maintain official records of pollution events; and

- Assess the efforts of owners/operators to prevent oil spills or prevent substantial threats of such discharges.

No proprietary, confidential, or sensitive information is collected. However, we will protect any information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR parts 250, 251, and 252.

Responses are mandatory or required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency: On occasion and annual.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 193 owners or operators of facilities located in both State and Federal waters seaward of the coast line.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 42,233 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

Citation 30 CFR 254	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden
254.1(a) thru (d); 254.2(a); 254.3 thru 254.5; 254.7; 254.20 thru 254.29; 254.44(b).	Submit spill response plan for OCS facilities and related documents	120
254.1(e)	Request MMS jurisdiction over facility landward of coast line (no recent request received)	0.5
254.2(b)	Submit certification of capability to respond to worst case discharge or substantial threat of such	10
254.2(c); 254.30	Submit revised spill response plan for OCS facilities at least every 2 years	25
254.8	Appeal MMS orders or decisions. (Burden covered under 30 CFR 290 [1010-0121])	0
254.41	Conduct annual training; retain training records for 2 years	40
254.42(a) thru (e)	Conduct triennial response plan exercise; retain exercise records for 3 years	110
254.42(f)	Inform MMS of the date of any exercise (triennial)	1
254.43	Inspect response equipment monthly; retain inspection & maintenance records for 2 years	3
254.46(a)	Notify NRC of all oil spills from owner/operator facility (Burden included in the NRC inventory)	0
254.46(b)	Notify MMS of oil spills of 1 barrel or more from owner/operator facility; submit follow-up report	1
254.46(c)	Notify MMS & responsible party of oil spills from operations at another facility	1
254.50; 254.51	Submit response plan for facility in State waters by modifying existing OCS plan	45
254.50; 254.52	Submit response plan for facility in State waters following format for OCS plan	100
254.50; 254.53	Submit response plan for facility in State waters developed under State requirements	93
254.54	Submit description of oil-spill prevention procedures	5
Part 254	General departure or alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in part 254.	2

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

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

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an