

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

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0140).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 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) is titled "30 CFR part 210—Forms and Reports and Part 206—Product Valuation (Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance)."

DATES: Submit written comments on or before July 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also email your comments to us at mrm.comments@mms.gov. Include the title of the information collection

and the OMB control number in the "Attention" line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation we have received your email, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, FAX (303) 231-3781 or email sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* 30 CFR part 206—Product Valuation (Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance).

OMB Control Number: 1010-0140.
Bureau Form Number: Form MMS-2014.

Abstract: The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands, collect the royalties due, and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out DOI's Indian trust responsibility.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA) of 1982, 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, states in section

101(a) that the Secretary " * * * shall establish a comprehensive inspection, collection, and fiscal and production accounting and auditing system to provide the capability to accurately determine oil and gas royalties, interest, fines, penalties, fees, deposits, and other payments owed, and collect and account for such amounts in a timely manner." The persons or entities described at 30 U.S.C. 1713 are required to make reports and provide reasonable information as defined by the Secretary.

Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, is the only document used for reporting oil and gas royalties, certain rents, and other lease-related transactions to MMS (*e.g.*, transportation and processing allowances, lease adjustments, and quality and location differentials). These transactions represent only a few of the transactions identified for this form.

MMS is requesting OMB's approval to continue to collect information using Form MMS-2014. No proprietary information will be submitted to MMS under this collection. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. The requirement to respond is mandatory.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 1,600 payors

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 125,856 hours.

The following chart shows the breakdown of the estimated burden hours by CFR section and paragraph: