

Regulations at 30 CFR part 250, subpart K, implement these statutory requirements. We use the information collected to determine if produced gas can be put to beneficial use economically, to analyze the risks of transporting the liquid hydrocarbons against the value of the resource, and to account for volumes of flared gas and burned liquid hydrocarbons. The MMS uses the information in its efforts to conserve natural resources, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights including the Government's royalty interest. Specifically, MMS uses the information to review records of burning liquid hydrocarbons and venting and flaring actions to ensure that they are not excessive; to determine

maximum production and maximum efficient rates; to compare the volume of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) flared and the sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emitted with the specified amounts in approved contingency plans; to monitor monthly atmospheric emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> for air quality; to review applications for downhole commingling to ensure that action does not result in harm to ultimate recovery or undervalued royalties.

We will protect 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 250.196. No items

of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

*Frequency:* On occasion and monthly.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas lessees.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* The estimated annual "hour" burden for this information collection is a total of 15,636 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. 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 250 subpart K	Reporting & recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average No. annual responses	Annual burden hours
1101(b) .....	Request approval to produce within 500 feet of a lease line .....	5	21 requests .....	105
1101(c) .....	Request approval to produce gas cap of a sensitive reservoir .....	12	125 requests .....	1,500
1102 .....	Submit forms MMS-0 126, MMS-127, and MMS-128—burden covered under 1010-0039, 1010-0018, and 1010-0017.			0
1102(a)(5) .....	Submit alternative plan for overproduction status—MMS is not currently collecting this information.			0
1102(b)(6) .....	Request extension of time to submit results of semiannual well test.	1/2	37 requests .....	19
1103(a) .....	Request approval of test periods of less than 4 hours and pretest stabilization periods of less than 6 hours.	1/2	37 requests .....	19
1103(c) .....	Provide advance notice of time and date of well tests .....	1/2	10 notices .....	5
1104(c) .....	Submit results of all static bottomhole pressure surveys obtained by lessee. Information is submitted on form MMS-140 in the Gulf of Mexico Region.	1	1,235 surveys .....	1,235
1105(a), (b) .....	Request special approval to flare or vent oil-well gas .....	1/2	506 requests .....	253
1105(c) .....	Request approval to burn produced liquid hydrocarbons .....	1/2	60 requests .....	30
1105(f) .....	Submit monthly reports of flared or vented gas containing H <sub>2</sub> S .....	2	3 operators × 12 mos. = 36	72
1105(f) .....	H <sub>2</sub> S Contingency, Exploration, or Development and Production Plans—burden covered under 1010-0053 and 1010-0049.			0
1106 .....	Submit application to commingle hydrocarbons produced from multiple reservoirs and inform other lessees having an interest.	6	118 applications .....	708
1107(b) .....	Submit proposed plan for enhanced recovery operations .....	12	24 plans .....	288
1107(c) .....	Submit periodic reports of volumes of oil, gas, or other substances injected, produced, or reproduced.	2	67 reports .....	134
1100-1107 .....	General departure or alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart K, including bottomhole pressure survey waivers and reservoir reclassification requests.	1 6	120 survey waivers .....	120
			20 requests .....	120
<b>Reporting Subtotal</b>			<b>2,416</b> .....	<b>4,608</b>
1105(d), (e) .....	Maintain records for 2 years detailing gas flaring or venting. ....	13	846 platforms .....	10,998
1105(d), (e) .....	Maintain records for 2 years detailing liquid hydrocarbon burning. ....	1/2	60 occurrences .....	30
<b>Recordkeeping Subtotal</b>			<b>130 Recordkeepers</b> .....	<b>11,028</b>
<b>Total Burden</b>			<b>2,546</b> .....	<b>15,636</b>

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

*Comments:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) 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.

To comply with the public consultation process, on December 6,