

| Reporting or recordkeeping requirement 30 CFR part 203 | Average number annual responses | Hour burden | Annual burden hours |
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| Application—preview assessment (seldom if ever used as applicants generally opt for binding determination by MMS instead). | 1 Application | 900 | 900 |
| | Application 1 × \$46,600 = \$46,600 | | |
| Application—apart from formal programs for royalty relief for marginal expansion project or marginal non-producing lease (expect less than one per year). | 1 Application | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | Application 1 × \$49,000 = \$49,000 | | |
| Redetermination | 1 Redetermination ... | 500 | 500 |
| | Application 1 × \$16,000 = \$16,000 * | | |
| §§ 203.70, 203.81, 203.90, 203.91 Submit fabricator's confirmation report | 2 Reports | 20 | 40 |
| §§ 203.70, 203.81, 203.90, 203.92 Submit post-production development report | 2 Reports * | 50 | 100 |
| § 203.77 Renounce relief arrangement (seldom, if ever will be used; minimal burden to prepare letter). | 1 Letter | 1 | 1 |
| § 203.79(a) Request reconsideration of MMS field designation | 4 Requests | 400 | 1,600 |
| § 203.79(c) Request extension of deadline to start construction | 1 Request | 2 | 2 |
| §§ 203.81, 203.83 through 203.89 Required reports | Burden included with applications | | 0 |
| DWRRR Reporting Subtotal | 16 Responses | N/A | 8,183 |
| | Processing Fees = \$166,100 | | |

Recordkeeping Burden

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| § 203.91 Retain supporting cost records for post-production development/fabrication reports (records retained as usual/customary business practice; minimal burden to make available at MMS request). | 2 Recordkeepers | 8 | 16 |
| Total Annual Burden | 21 Responses | N/A | 8,550 |

* CPA certification expense burden also imposed on applicant.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: There are two non-hour costs associated with this information collection. The estimated non-hour cost burden is \$414,000 (rounded). This estimate is based on:

(a) Application and audit fees. The total annual estimated cost burden for these fees is \$189,000 (refer to burden chart).

(b) Cost of reports prepared by independent certified public accountants. Under § 203.81, a report prepared by an independent certified public accountant (CPA) must accompany the application and post-production report (expansion project, short form, and preview assessment applications are excluded). The OCS Lands Act applications will require this report only once; the DWRRR applications will require this report at two stages—with the application and post-production development report for successful applicants. MMS estimates approximately five submissions each

year at an average cost of \$45,000 per report, for a total estimated annual cost burden of \$225,000.

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 April 21, 2003, MMS published a **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 19572) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 203.82 provides the OMB control number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR 203 regulations. The regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to these efforts.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your comments to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. OMB