

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submitted for Office of
Management and Budget (OMB)
Review; 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 notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 254, "Oil-Spill Response Requirements for Facilities Located Seaward of the Coast Line." This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

DATES: Submit written comments by November 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments either by fax (202) 395-6566 or email (*OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0091). Mail or hand carry a copy of your 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 your comments to MMS, the address is: *rules.comments@mms.gov*. Reference Information Collection 1010-0091 in

your subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message text.

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.

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 197 owners or operators of facilities located in both State and Federal waters seaward of the coast line.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The estimated annual "hour" burden for this information collection is a total of 38,322 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 254	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average No. annual responses	Annual burden hours
254.1(a) thru (d); 254.2(a); 254.3 thru 254.5; 254.7; 254.20 thru 254.29;	Submit spill response plan for OCS facilities and related documents.	120	25 new plans	3,000
254.44(b)	Request MMS jurisdiction over facility landward of coast line (no recent request received).	0.5	2 requests	1
254.1(e)	Submit certification of capability to respond to worst case discharge or substantial threat of such.	15	1 certification	15
254.2(b)	Submit revised spill response plan for OCS facilities at least every 2 years.	36	174 revised plans.	6,264
254.2(c); 254.30	Request deadline extension for submission of revised plan.	4	10	40
254.2(c)	Appeal MMS orders or decisions	Burden covered under 30 CFR 290 (1010-0121).		0
254.8	Inform MMS of the date of any exercise (triennial)	1	158 notifications.	158
254.42(f)	Notify NRC of all oil spills from owner/operator facility.	Burden would be included in the NRC inventory.		0
254.46(a)				