

operator provides, allows BLM to conduct or modify operations under the terms and conditions of a Federal geothermal lease or an Indian geothermal contract. The information enables BLM to approve both geothermal explorations and modifications to existing wells.

#### Form 3260-2, Geothermal Drilling Permit

This is a permit to drill, redrill, deepen or plug back a well on Federal lands. It provides a basis for evaluating the proposed well's feasibility and to determine whether we should disapprove or approve the application; and, if we approve, whether any special conditions of approval are made part of the permit. Without the information, there would be no assurance that drilling and associated activities, when and if authorized, are technically and environmentally feasible and ensure proper conservation of the resources.

#### Form 3260-3, Geothermal Sundry Notice

We require the sundry notice for planned well work or change of plans previously approved, road site and

facilities construction and miscellaneous activities related to other previously approved operations. The lessee must also file a subsequent report of the work performed. Without this information, BLM cannot adequately evaluate the feasibility and environmental impacts of the proposed activity.

#### Form 3260-4, Geothermal Well Completion Report

We use the well completion report to obtain information on a complete and accurate log and history, in chronological order, of all operations conducted on the well. The logs are kept by lessees as normal, routine procedures and are not imposed as an additional requirement by BLM. We use this information to facilitate future operations, protect water supplies and Federal geothermal resources, and to allow accurate appraisal of down-hole conditions related to proper management of the resource.

#### Form 3260-5, Monthly Report of Geothermal Operations

We use the form to obtain information for monthly production for royalty

reporting and production verification from geothermal wells. BLM uses the report to monitor the technical aspects of drilling, production, and injection activities for each well. We require the information on a monthly basis because of a direct link to royalty payments due from the lessee on a monthly basis and the associated production verifications. Without this information, BLM could not adequately evaluate activity and performance of non-abandoned wells and production facilities for individual leases. This includes drilling and other well operations and engineering data for individual well production and injection. The lessee also reports any environmental monitoring conducted.

Based on our experience administering the activities described above, we estimate it takes from 1 to 10 hours per response to complete the required information, depending on which form the respondent submits. Respondents are lessees and operators of Federal geothermal leases and Indian geothermal contracts subject to BLM oversight. We estimate 760 responses per year and a total annual burden of 1,700 hours. The estimates are summarized in the table below.

Information collection (43 CFR)	Form number/title	Responses	Hours per response	Burden hours	Frequency
3264.2 .....	3260-2; Geothermal Drilling Permit .....	60	10	600	Nonrecurring.
3264.2-2 .....	3260-3; Geothermal Sundry Notice .....	100	1	100	On occasion.
3262.5-1; .....	3260-4; Geothermal Well Completion Report	200	2	400	On occasion.
3264.2-3 .....		40	6	240	
3264.2-4; .....	3260-5; Monthly Report of Geothermal Op-	360	1	360	Monthly.
3265.2-5 .....	erations.				
Totals .....		760		1,700	

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

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Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004- 0134

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect certain information from operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. We collect nonform information to determine whether BLM may approve proposed operations and to enable us to monitor compliance with terms and conditions of approved operations. Approvals include drilling plans, prevention of waste, protection of resources, development of a lease, measurements, production verification, and protection of public health and safety.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or

before April 11, 2003. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, (WO-630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include "ATTN: 1004-0134" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1601 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

All comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Barbara Gamble, Fluid Minerals Group, on (202) 452-0338 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use