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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et*

seq.); the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359); the various Indian leasing acts; and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and BLM's implementing regulations at 43 CFR part 3160 require affected Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas operators and operating rights owners to maintain records and submit nonform information.

The recordkeeping and nonform information items required under various provisions of 43 CFR part 3160 pertain to data the operator or operating rights owner must submit. We will use the information the operator or operating rights owner provides to approve proposed operations and to enable us to monitor compliance with terms and conditions of approved operations. The specific requirements are listed by regulation section.

The information we require under 43 CFR part 3160 covers a broad range of possible operations, and rarely will any specific operator have to obtain or provide each item. Many of the requirements are one-time filings used to gain approval to conduct a variety of

oil and gas operations. Others are routine data the operating rights owners or operators submit that we use to monitor production and ensure compliance with lease terms, regulations, Orders, Notices to Lessees, and conditions of approval. We use production information from each producing lease to verify volumes and disposition of oil and gas produced on Federal and Indian lands. All recordkeeping burdens are associated with the nonform items requested.

Based on our experience managing the activities described above, we estimate the public reporting burden of each provision for the information collection, including recordkeeping, ranges from 10 minutes to 16 hours per response, depending on which information is required. The respondents are operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. The frequency of response varies from one-time only to occasionally to routine, depending on activities conducted on oil and gas leases and on operational circumstances. We estimate 193,855 responses per year and a total annual burden of 96,885 hours. The table below summarizes our estimates.

Information collection (43 CFR)	Requirement	Hours per response	Respondents	Burden hours
3162.3-1(a)	Well-Spacing Program .....	.5	150	75
3162.3-1(e)	Drilling Plans	8	2,875	23,000
3162.6	Well Markers .....	.5	300	150
3162.5-2(b)	Direction Drilling	1	¹ 165	165
3162.4-2(a)	Drilling Tests, Logs, Surveys	1	² 330	330
3162.3-4(a)	Plug and Abandon for Water Injection	1.5	1,200	1,800
3162.3-4(b)	Plug and Abandon for Water Source	1.5	1,200	1,800
3162.7-1(d)	Additional Gas Flaring	1	400	400
3162.5-1(c)	Report of Spills, Discharges, or Other Undesirable Events.	2	200	400
3162.5-1(b)	Disposal of Produced Water	2	1,500	3,000
3162.5-1(d)	Contingency Plan	16	50	800
3162.4-1(a) and 3162.7-5(d)(1)	Schematic/Facility Diagrams	4	2,350	9,400
3162.7-1(b)	Approval and Reporting of Oil in Pits .....	.5	520	260
3164.1 (Order No. 3)	Prepare Run Tickets .....	.2	90,000	18,000
3162.7-5(b)	Records on Seals .....	.2	90,000	18,000
3165.1(a)	Application for Suspension	8	100	800
3165.3(b)	State Director Review	16	100	1,600
3162.7-5(c)	Site Security	7	2,415	16,905
Totals .....	.....	.....	193,855	96,885

¹ Or 5% of wells.

² Or 10% of wells.

The respondents already maintain the types of information collected for their own recordkeeping purposes and need only submit the required information. This approval includes all information collections under 43 CFR part 3160 that do not require a form.

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.

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