

efficient exploration and development of a lease area." These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to MMS under which we issue regulations to ensure that operations in the OCS will meet statutory requirements; provide for safety and protection of the environment; and result in diligent exploration, development, and production of OCS leases. This information collection request addresses the regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart F, Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations and the associated supplementary notices to lessees and operators intended to provide clarification, description, or explanation of these regulations.

MMS District Supervisors use the information collected to analyze and evaluate planned well-workover operations to ensure that operations result in personnel safety and protection of the environment. They use this evaluation in making decisions to approve, disapprove, or to require modification to the proposed well-workover operations. For example, MMS uses the information to:

- Review log entries of crew meetings to verify that safety procedures have been properly reviewed.
- Review well-workover procedures relating to hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) to ensure the safety of the crew in the event of encountering H₂S.
- Review well-workover diagrams and procedures to ensure the safety of well-workover operations.
- Verify that the crown block safety device is operating and can be expected to function and avoid accidents.
- Verify that the proposed operation of the annular preventer is technically correct and will provide adequate protection for personnel, property, and natural resources.
- Verify the reasons for postponing blowout preventer (BOP) tests, verify the state of readiness of the equipment and to ascertain that the equipment meets safety standards and requirements, ensure that BOP tests have been conducted in the manner and frequency to promote personnel safety and protect natural resources. Specific testing information must be recorded to verify that the proper test procedures were followed.
- Assure that the well-workover operations are conducted on well casing that is structurally competent.

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, "Data and information to be made available to the public." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

Frequency: The frequency varies by section, but is primarily monthly or on occasion.

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

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 19,205 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. 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 F | Reporting or recordkeeping requirement | Hour burden |
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| Reporting Requirements | | |
| 602 | Request exceptions prior to moving well-workover equipment | 1. |
| 602 | Notify MMS of any rig movement within Gulf of Mexico (form MMS-144) | Burden included in 1010-0150. |
| 605; 613; 615(a) | Request approval to begin subsea well-workover operations; submit forms MMS-124 and MMS-125. | Burden included in 1010-0045 and 1010-0046. |
| 612 | Request establishment/amendment/cancellation of field well-workover rules | 1. |
| 614 | Post number of stands of drill pipe or workover string and drill collars that may be pulled prior to filling the hole and equivalent well-control fluid volume. | .25. |
| 616(a) | Request exception to rated working pressure of the BOP equipment; request exception to annular-type BOP testing. | 2. |
| 617(b) | Pressure test, caliper, or otherwise evaluate tubing & wellhead equipment casing; submit results (every 30 days during prolonged operations). | 6. |
| 617(c) | Notify MMS if sustained casing pressure is observed on a well | .25. |
| 600-618 | General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart F regulations. | 2. |
| Recordkeeping Requirements | | |
| 606 | Instruct crew members in safety requirements of operations to be performed; document meeting (weekly for 2 crews × 2 weeks per workover = 4). | 1. |
| 611 | Perform operational check of traveling-block safety device; document results (weekly × 2 weeks per workover = 2). | 1. |
| 616(a), (b), (d), (e) | Perform BOP pressure tests, actuations, inspections & certifications; record results; retain records 2 years following completion of workover activities (when installed; at a minimum every 7 days × 2 weeks per workover = 2). | 8. |
| 616(b)(2) | Test blind or blind-shear rams; document results (every 30 days during operations). (Note: this is part of BOP test when BOP test is conducted.) | 1. |
| 616(b)(2) | Record reason for postponing BOP system tests | .5. |
| 616(c) | Perform crew drills; record results (weekly for 2 crews × 2 weeks per workover = 4) | 1. |

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: We have identified no "non-hour cost" burdens.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an