

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) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
254.1(e)	Request MMS jurisdiction over facility landward of coast line (no recent request received).	0.5	2 requests	1
254.2(b)	Submit certification of capability to respond to worst case discharge or substantial threat of such.	15	1 certification	15
254.2(c); 254.30	Submit revised spill response plan for OCS facilities at least every 2 years.	36	174 revised plans.	6,264
254.2(c)	Request deadline extension for submission of revised plan.	4	10	40
254.8	Appeal MMS orders or decisions	Burden covered under 30 CFR 290 (1010-0121).		0
254.42(f)	Inform MMS of the date of any exercise (triennial)	1	158 notifications.	158
254.46(a)	Notify NRC of all oil spills from owner/operator facility.	Burden would be included in the NRC inventory.		0

Citation 30 CFR 254	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average No. annual responses	Annual burden hours
254.46(b)	Notify MMS of oil spills of one barrel or more from owner/operator facility; submit followup report.	2	60 notifications & reports.	120
254.46(c)	Notify MMS & responsible party of oil spills from operations at another facility.	2	24 notifications.	48
254.50; 254.51	Submit response plan for facility in State waters by modifying existing OCS plan.	42	10 plans	420
254.50; 254.52	Submit response plan for facility in State waters following format for OCS plan.	100	9 plans	900
254.50; 254.53	Submit response plan for facility in State waters developed under State reqmts.	89	18 plans	1,602
254.54	Submit description of oil-spill prevention procedures.	5	36 submissions.	180
Subtotal—Reporting .....	.....		527.	
254.40	Make records of all OSRO-provided services, equipment, personnel available to MMS.	5	20	100
254.41	Conduct annual training; retain training records for 2 years.	50	180 owners/operators.	9,000
254.42(a) thru (e)	Conduct triennial response plan exercise; retain exercise records for 3 years.	1101	31 exercises	14,410
254.43	Inspect response equipment monthly; retain inspection & maintenance records for 2 years.	3.5	42 inspections x 12 months = 504.	1,764
254.1 thru 254.54	General departure or alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in part 254.	50	6	300
Subtotal—Recordkeeping .....	.....		841 Record-keepers (RKs).	
Total Hour Burden .....	.....		1,368 Responses/RKs.	38,322

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost”

Burden: We have identified no non-hour cost burdens for this collection.

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 24, 2003, we published a **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 20168) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 254.9 displays the OMB control number, specifies that the public may comment at anytime on the collection of information required in the 30 CFR part 254 regulations, and provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to those 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 has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection

but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by November 17, 2003.

Public Comment Policy: MMS practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that their home address be withheld from the record, which will be honored to the extent allowable by the law. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, anonymous comments will not be considered. MMS will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Denise Johnson, (202) 208–3976.

Dated: July 22, 2003.

E.P. Danenberger,

Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for Sediment Removal Downstream of Retamal Diversion Dam, in the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project, located in Hidalgo County, TX

AGENCY: United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Final Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508); and the U.S. Section's Operational Procedures for Implementing Section 102 of NEPA, published in the **Federal Register** September 2, 1981, (46 FR 44083); the U.S. Section hereby gives notice that the Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for *Sediment Removal Downstream of Retamal Diversion Dam*, in the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project, located in Hidalgo County, Texas are available.

The project includes dredging the sediment and beneficially use or dispose of all the material on vacant Mexican Federal Government land adjacent to the river at the dredging location. The size of the project area is approximately 4.94 acres, which includes 2.1 acres of wetland. The EA analyzes potential impacts from dredging approximately 54,000 cubic yards of sediment material, either hydraulically or mechanically, during the non-irrigation season between September and February when water levels in the Rio Grande are maintained at lower levels. Construction activities include transporting dredged materials to dewatering cells on the Mexican riverbank. A hydraulic piping system may be set up to transport the slurry mix directly to the final disposal area or the materials may be transported by trucks provided by Mexico, depending on the disposal method. A coffer dam

may also be constructed to de-water alternate sides of the river during dredging activities. The EA provides details of the action, explains the purpose and need for the action, and assesses the potential impacts of the Proposed Action. The EA also analyzes the No Action Alternative. On the basis of the Draft EA, the United States Section has determined that an environmental impact statement is not required to implement the proposed action and hereby provides notice of a finding of no significant impact. An environmental impact statement will not be prepared unless additional information which may affect this decision is brought to our attention within thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice.

The Draft EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact have been sent to the Environmental Protection Agency and various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. The Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available under "What's New?" on the USIBWC Home Page at www.ibwc.state.gov; the reference desk at the public libraries in Weslaco or Harlingen, TX; or at the USIBWC Mercedes Field Office at 325 Golf Course Road, Mercedes, TX 78570.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EA and Draft FONSI will be accepted through November 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and inquiries on the Draft FONSI and Draft EA should be directed to Mr. Daniel Borunda, 4171 N. Mesa, Suite C-100, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: (915) 832-4701, Fax: (915) 832-4167, e-mail: danielborunda@ibwc.state.gov.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Mario Lewis,

General Counsel.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-03-033]

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: October 24, 2003 at 11 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meetings: None.
2. Minutes.

3. Ratification List.

4. Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1054-1055 (Preliminary) (Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from Mexico and Turkey)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on October 24, 2003; Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce on or before October 31, 2003.)

5. Outstanding action jackets: None.

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Issued: October 15, 2003.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-03-032]

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: October 22, 2003 at 11 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meetings: None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. No. 731-TA-1022 (Final) (Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide From China)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determination and Commissioners' opinions to the Secretary of Commerce on or before November 3, 2003.)
5. Outstanding action jackets: None.

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Issued: October 15, 2003.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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