

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Revision to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Revision to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee Under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

**SUMMARY:** Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has revised the OCS Policy Committee charter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-643). The OCS Policy Committee will provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the Minerals Management Service, related to the discretionary functions of the Bureau under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and related statutes. The Committee will review and comment on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development and protection of OCS resources and provide a forum to convey views representative of coastal states, local government, offshore mineral industries, environmental community, and other users of the offshore and the interested public. The charter was revised to include two additional members representing energy consumers and to add the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management as an ex officio member of the Committee.

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the OCS Policy Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the OCS, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 18, 2005.

**Gale A. Norton,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of the Secretary****Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** April 28, 2005, at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Office, 441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, (907) 271-5011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The meeting agenda will feature discussions on selected proposed projects for fiscal year 2005.

**Willie R. Taylor,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Submission of Paperwork Reduction Act Request to Office of Management and Budget**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form-4432, Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and the Indian Health Service (IHS) has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The BIA is

soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, by facsimile at (202) 395-6566 or you may send an e-mail to:

[OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). Send a copy of your comments to Daisy West, Acting Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS-320-SIB, Washington, DC 20240; telephone: (202) 513-7641.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Carolyn Newman, (202) 513-7641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

A 60-day notice for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2004 (69 FR 59945). No comments were received on the workload burden or the form itself (OMB Control No. 1076-0160) during this public comment period. One comment was received on October 6, 2004, which concerned a substantive requirement for descendants of members of federally recognized Indian tribes but who were not themselves enrolled members of the tribe. This issue will be addressed during the rule revision.

**I. Abstract**

The purpose of the Indian Preference Form is to encourage qualified Indians to seek employment with the BIA and the IHS by offering preferential treatment to qualified candidates of Indian heritage. BIA collects information under the proposed regulations to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements. The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and the IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant. The collection of information allows certain persons who are of Indian descent to receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior, or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform the functions formerly performed as part of the BIA or the IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) You are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendant of a member and you were residing within the