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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the semiannual agenda of rules scheduled for review or development between October 1997 and April 1998. An

agenda is required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this publication, the Department satisfies the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that the Department publish an agenda of rules that have been issued or are expected to be issued and of currently effective rules that are scheduled for review.

Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) that an agenda be published in April and October of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. Rules that will have such effects are specifically identified in the agenda.

For this edition of the Department's regulatory agenda, the most important significant regulatory actions are included in The Regulatory Plan, which appears in Part II of today's **Federal Register**. The Regulatory Plan entries are listed in the Table of Contents below and are denoted by a bracketed bold reference that directs the reader to the appropriate Sequence Number in Part II.

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the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 12.100

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/02/97	62 FR 15610
Final Action Effective	05/02/97	

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 1076-AD56

1683. APPLICABILITY OF RULES OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 1

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No further action will be taken at this time	08/01/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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1684. OPERATION OF U.S.M.S. NORTH STAR BETWEEN SEATTLE, WA, AND ALASKA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 142

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/16/97	62 FR 18515
Final Action Effective	05/06/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD66

1685. INDIAN FISHING—HOOPA VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 250

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/22/96	61 FR 59331
Final Action Effective	11/22/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Minerals Management Service (MMS)

1686. VALUATION OF OIL FROM INDIAN LEASES

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 59 in Part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 1010-AC24

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act allows for self-bonding based upon financial solvency. Our proposed rule defines financial solvency and outlines the steps we will use to test for financial solvency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1010-AC28

1688. TAKES VS. ENTITLEMENTS REPORTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1735

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 205

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule addresses reporting and payment requirements for

1687. SUSPENSION OF ORDERS OR DECISIONS PENDING APPEAL TO ALLOW FOR SELF-BONDING BASED UPON FINANCIAL SOLVENCY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 30 USC 1721 et seq; 30 USC 1735 et seq; 30 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 243

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Proposed Rule Stage

production removed and sold from a Federal lease, unit participating area, or communitization agreement beginning September 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	
NPRM Comment	06/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1689. ACCOUNTING RELIEF FOR MARGINAL PROPERTIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1735

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 204

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows reporters to seek accounting, reporting, and auditing relief for their marginal properties in accordance with section 117(c) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 as amended by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/97	
NPRM Comment	01/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1010-AC30

1690. PREPAYMENT OF ROYALTIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1735

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 204

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows payors to prepay royalty in lieu of monthly royalty payments for their marginal properties with approval from the affected States. It will establish the criteria used by payors, States, and MMS to calculate, report, and monitor royalty prepayments.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/98	
NPRM Comment	06/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1010-AC31

1691. POSTLEASE OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule is a complete rewrite in plain English and changes the current regulation by both adding and deleting language. Although some of these changes could be considered significant when compared to the current regulations, they support the policies and procedures now in place. The proposed rule is revised to be as broad and general in scope as feasible.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/97	
NPRM Comment	12/00/97	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC32

1692. CHRONIC ERRONEOUS REPORTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 216; 30 CFR 218

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule eliminates assessments for late reporting and failure to report and modify incorrect assessments. The new rule will define what is considered a chronic erroneous reporter and applicable assessments. Penalties for failure to report are also addressed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/97	
NPRM Comment	02/00/98	
Period End		

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

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Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1010-AC34

1693. OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION RATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule eliminates obsolete and burdensome requirements. In addition, the rule is rewritten in plain English.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC36

1694. ● PIPELINES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would implement the December 10, 1996, memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Transportation. The MOU provides for the two departments to jointly regulate Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Pipelines. MMS regulations would pertain to each OCS oil or gas pipeline located upstream of the point at which operating responsibility for the pipeline transfers from a producing operator to a transporting operator.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1010-AC39

1695. ● ELECTRONIC REPORTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 3101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701 et seq; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 210; 30 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would modify the requirements governing forms that MMS requires for reporting sales, royalties, and production information. The revisions will specify the media required for submission of reports and broaden the use of electronic commerce reporting.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/97	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC40

1696. ● TRAINING LESSEE AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 43 USC 250

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would require operators and lessees to ensure that their workers (including contractors) are properly trained and can demonstrate their proficiency to MMS. Operators and lessees will determine the type of training, teaching methods, training length, and frequency. MMS will develop appropriate performance measures and indicators. These measures may include: written testing; hands-on and simulator testing; audits, interviews, or cooperative reviews; and incidence of noncompliance for civil penalty and events data.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	03/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Final Rule Stage

1697. VALUATION OF GAS FROM INDIAN LEASES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will amend the regulations governing the valuation of gas produced from Indian leases. The primary purpose of these amendments is to ensure that Indian mineral lessors receive maximum revenues from mineral resources on their land consistent with the Department's trust responsibility and lease terms.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/04/94	59 FR 39712
NPRM	09/23/96	61 FR 49894
NPRM Comment Period End	04/04/97	62 FR 10247
Final Action	10/00/97	
Final Action Effective	12/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

Additional Information: This rule is being developed using the negotiated rulemaking process which will include representatives of MMS, Indian tribes, States, and industry. Notice of public meetings will be published in the Federal Register.

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RIN: 1010-AB57

1698. CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq;

25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 218

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 10 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 USC 1339, requires that a lessee or payor under an offshore lease submit a request to Minerals Management Service (MMS) for recoupment or refund of an overpayment (credit adjustment) within 2 years of the date of the original payment. However, current law does not provide for a time limitation on credit adjustments under onshore Federal or Indian leases similar to that provided in the OCSLA. This rule would add a new provision entitled "Limitations on Credit Adjustments" which would restrict credit adjustments without prior authorization to payments due within 5 years before the date of the adjustments. The rule provides that MMS could authorize credit adjustments with respect to payments made more than 5 years but less than 10 years before the date of the adjustments. However, credit adjustments with respect to any payment made more than 10 years before the date of the adjustment would be prohibited.

The Debt Collection Act of 1982 (DCA), 31 USC 3716, allows Federal agencies to collect outstanding claims by administrative offset. The DCA instructs each agency to prescribe regulations before collecting a claim by administrative offset, of royalties, interest, or other amounts due under Federal and Indian oil, gas, and other mineral leases.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/93	58 FR 43588
NPRM Comment Period End	11/01/93	58 FR 50301
Final Action	12/00/97	
Final Action Effective	02/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: This rule now includes the material formerly contained in RIN 1010-AB74.

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RIN: 1010-AB73

1699. GAS MEASUREMENT AND COMMINGLING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334; 30 USC 1711

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.181; 30 CFR 250.182; 30 CFR 250.184; 30 CFR 250.183; 30 CFR 250.180

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would amend and update regulations applicable to oil and gas measurement, add a provision to an existing regulation that would clarify conditions under which surface commingling of gas would be approved, and add a new section to require measurement or estimation of gas volumes used on the leases or otherwise not saved for sale.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/26/97	62 FR 8665
NPRM Comment Period End	05/27/97	
Final Action	03/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 1010-AB97

1700. ALLOWANCES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GAS VALUATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq;

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30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 170 et seq; 31 USC 9701 et seq; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule amends the regulations governing valuation for royalty purposes of gas produced from Federal and Indian leases. It primarily addresses allowances for transportation of gas. The amendments would clarify the methods by which gas royalties and deductions for gas transportation are calculated. The rule will also clarify changes required by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order 636 which has caused significant changes in the natural gas transportation industry.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/31/96	61 FR 39931
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/96	
Final Action	10/00/97	
Final Action Effective	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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1701. VALUATION OF OIL FROM FEDERAL MINERAL LEASES

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 60 in Part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 1010-AC09

1702. GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 4332 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 251

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule is being revised to reflect the current requirements and practices and to conform with new or changed laws and regulations. It expands the requirements for filing notice to include all geological and geophysical research not conducted under permit. It also clarifies that these regulations apply only to oil, gas, and sulphur, as all other minerals in the Outer Continental Shelf are covered by 30 CFR 280. This rule will provide other information, such as current filing location addresses.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/11/97	62 FR 6149
NPRM Comment Period End	07/29/97	62 FR 28824
Final Action	03/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1703. ROYALTY RELIEF FOR OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASES IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 104-58 Outer Continental Shelf Deep Water Relief Act

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 202; 30 CFR 206; 30 CFR 210; 30 CFR 216; 30 CFR 217; 30 CFR 218; 30 CFR 250.175; 30 CFR 256.32; 30 CFR 260

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, May 28, 1996.

Abstract: The Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to modify royalty or net profit share terms of certain existing leases and to offer new leases subject to the Act's provisions for royalty suspension volumes in water depths of 200 meters or more in parts of the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico. The Act directs the Secretary to promulgate implementing

regulations within 180 days of enactment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/23/96	61 FR 6958
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/08/96	
Interim Final Rule	05/31/96	61 FR 27263
Final Action	10/00/97	
Final Action Effective	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC13

1704. DEEP WATER ROYALTY RELIEF—TRACTS OFFERED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 28, 1995, AND NOVEMBER 28, 2000

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 104-58 Outer Continental Shelf Deep Water Royalty Relief Act

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 260

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory, May 28, 1996.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf lands Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to modify royalty or net profit share terms of certain existing leases and to offer new leases subject to the Act's provisions for royalty suspension volumes in water depths of 200 meters or more in parts of the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico. The Act directs the Secretary to promulgate implementing regulations within 180 days of enactment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	03/25/96	61 FR 12022
Final Action	10/00/97	
Final Action Effective	11/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC14

1705. SEISMIC REASSESSMENT OF CALIFORNIA OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF PLATFORMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 14 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.145

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: MMS has been investigating the need for platform seismic reassessment guidelines since the Loma Prieta earthquake. This rule will require an operator to ascertain the safety of a platform before making major modifications or after damage to a primary member.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/10/97	62 FR 31538
NPRM Comment	08/11/97	
Period End		
Final Action	04/00/98	
Final Action Effective	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC17

1706. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROCESS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 30 USC 189; 30 USC 285; 30 USC 359; 30 USC 1023; 30 USC 1702 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1334; 43 USC 1335

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 290

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Under this rule, the Director generally would be required to decide appeals within 16 months or the appeal would be automatically denied. The appellant could then continue its

appeal before the Interior Board of Land Appeals. The rule also would impose a new appellant fee on appeals to the Director, unless the appellant was an Indian tribe or allottee. Indian tribes and allottees pay no filing fee.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/96	61 FR 55607
NPRM Comment	12/27/96	
Period End		
Final Action	12/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC21

1707. AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS FOR REPORTING AND PAYING ROYALTIES ON GAS AND THE GAS ANALYSIS REPORT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 3716 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 202; 30 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To make the Royalty Management Program's regulations consistent with proposed offshore regulations to require gas reporting at the standard conditions of 14.73 psia and adjusted to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/03/97	62 FR 16121
NPRM Comment	05/05/97	
Period End		
Final Action	03/00/98	
Final Action Effective	05/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1708. OIL SPILL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFSHORE FACILITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 33 USC 2701

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 253

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule requires responsible parties of offshore oil and gas facilities to provide evidence of oil spill financial responsibility.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/25/93	58 FR 44797
ANPRM Comment	02/25/94	
Period End		
NPRM	03/25/97	62 FR 14052
NPRM Comment	08/22/97	62 FR 24375
Period End		
Final Action	03/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC33

1709. BLOWOUT PREVENTER TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.57

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows lessees up to 14 days between blowout preventer (BOP) pressure tests instead of the weekly tests currently required. MMS proposes this revision based upon a recently completed study of BOP performance. This study concluded that no statistical difference exists between 8- and 14-day intervals. MMS estimates

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that the revised testing time frame could save industry \$20 million to \$30 million per year without compromising safety.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/15/97	62 FR 37819

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	09/15/97	
Final Action	04/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Long-Term Actions

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

1710. ROYALTY PAYMENT LIABILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 211

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Responsibilities of Minerals Management Service include the collection of royalties, bonuses, rentals, and related revenues from Federal and Indian mineral leases. These monies are, for the most part, collected from the current designated payor on the lease. However, if MMS is unable to collect from the current payor, it must pursue collections from a prior payor(s), the lessee, or an assignee of the lease. Existing regulations are unclear as to the responsibilities and liabilities of the parties involved. Therefore, MMS is proposing to amend its regulations to clarify payor, lessee, and assignee requirements and responsibilities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/13/94	59 FR 17504
NPRM	06/09/95	60 FR 30492
Comment Period Extended to 1/8/96	08/30/95	60 FR 45112
Comment Period Extended to 1/26/96	10/03/95	60 FR 56033
NPRM	10/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AB45

1711. REFUNDS AND RECOUPMENT OF OVERPAYMENTS ON OCS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 25 USC 181 et seq; 25 USC 351 et seq; 25 USC 1001 et seq; 25 USC 1701 et seq; 25 USC 1735; 25 USC 3716; 25 USC 3720a; 25 USC 9701; 25 USC 1301 et seq; 25 USC 1331 et seq; 25 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule limits refund procedures to payments received by MMS before 8/13/96 and adds language authorizing payment of interest on royalty overpayments for offshore sales of mineral production.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Completed Actions

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1712. REVISION OF REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING CORPORATE SURETY BONDS FOR OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250; 30 CFR 251; 30 CFR 256

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/22/97	62 FR 27948
Final Action Effective	08/20/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1713. ROYALTIES, RENTALS, BONUSSES, AND OTHER MONIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

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the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 218

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/22/97	62 FR 19497
Final Action Effective	05/22/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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1714. VALUATION OF GAS PRODUCTION—FEDERAL LEASES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No further action will be taken	04/22/97	62 FR 19536

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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RIN: 1010-AC02

1715. FEES FOR LEASE ASSIGNMENTS AND PIPELINE RIGHTS OF WAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.160; 30 CFR 250.163; 30 CFR 256.64

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	07/24/97	62 FR 39773
Final Action Effective	09/22/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC04

1716. RELEASE OF THIRD PARTY PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 243

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No further action to be taken at this time	10/01/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1717. CIVIL PENALTY PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250 subpart N

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/08/97	62 FR 42667
Final Action Effective	10/07/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC11

1718. SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION EQUIPMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.1; 30 CFR 250.2; 30 CFR 250.124; 30 CFR 250.126

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/08/97	62 FR 42669
Final Action Effective	09/08/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC12

1719. AMENDMENTS TO ALLOWANCE DETERMINATION REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No further action to be taken at this time	10/01/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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1720. DELEGATION TO STATES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 227; 30 CFR 228; 30 CFR 229

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/12/97	62 FR 43076
Final Action Effective	09/11/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1721. LATE PAYMENT AND OVERPAYMENT INTEREST

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206; 30 CFR 218; 30 CFR 230

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - Combined with RIN 1010-AC26	08/01/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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RIN: 1010-AC26

1722. • DESIGNATION OF PAYOR RECORDKEEPING

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 3716 et seq; 31 USC 3720A et seq; 31 USC 9701 et seq; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 210; 30 CFR 218

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Lessees sometimes designate others to make royalty payments in their behalf. This rule would allow MMS to collect information from lessees and payors in those situations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/05/97	62 FR 42063
Final Action Effective	08/05/97	

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

1723. APPLICANT/VIOLATOR SYSTEM PERMIT INFORMATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 701; 30 CFR 773; 30 CFR 774; 30 CFR 778; 30 CFR 843

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement proposes to establish new regulations and amend existing provisions to clarify the role of the Applicant/Violator System (AVS) in the permit application process; amend the definitions of ownership and control and of transfer, assignment or sale of permit rights; establish procedures for successor in interest; and revise requirements for information to be submitted as part of the permit application process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/28/93	58 FR 34652
NPRM	12/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1724. ABANDONED COAL REFUSE SITES—TITLE I

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 785; 30 CFR 829; 30 CFR 830; 30 CFR 845; 30 CFR 870

Legal Deadline: NPRM, Statutory, October 24, 1993.

Abstract: OSM will propose new regulations governing permitting and performance standards for on-site

processing of abandoned coal refuse piles and operations for removal of abandoned coal refuse piles. The rules are required to implement section 2503(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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1725. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 816; 30 CFR 780; 30 CFR 773

Legal Deadline: None