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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Bottomly (970) 240-5337, Ilyse Auringer (970) 385-1341, or Steve Hemphill (970) 874-6633.

Signed: January 23, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of new collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Act), the Department of the Interior has submitted the collection of information discussed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. The Act provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by March 4, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments and suggestions directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-NEW), 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. Send a copy of your comments to the Minerals Management Service, Attention: Rules Processing Team, Mail Stop 4020, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexis London, Engineering and

Operations Division, Minerals Management Service, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may obtain copies of the supporting statement and collection of information by contacting MMS's Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 208-7744.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title and Form Number:** Form MMS-131, Performance Measures Data Form.

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, requires the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to preserve, protect, and develop offshore oil and gas resources; to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

The MMS will use the information collected on Form MMS-131 to evaluate the effectiveness of industry's continued improvement of safety and environmental management in the OCS. The MMS can better focus its regulatory and research programs on areas where the performance measures indicate that operators are having difficulty meeting MMS expectations. The MMS should be more effective in leveraging its resources by redirecting research efforts, promoting appropriate regulatory initiatives, and shifting inspection program emphasis. The performance measures will also give MMS a verifiable gauge against which we can begin to judge the reasonableness of company requests for any specific regulatory relief. This information will also provide offshore operators and organizations with a credible data source to demonstrate to those outside the industry how well the industry and individual companies are doing. Knowing how the offshore operators as a group are doing and where their own company ranks will provide company management with information to focus their continuous improvement efforts. This should lead to more cost-effective prevention actions and, therefore, better cost containment. The collection of this information involves no proprietary information. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are voluntary.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** Approximately 120 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees.

**Frequency:** The frequency of reporting is annual. There are no recordkeeping requirements.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:** 3,220 total burden hours, averaging approximately 28 hours per response.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:** None.

**Comments:** Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act 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.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the addresses section of this notice. The 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 March 4, 1998.

**MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:** Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Civil Penalties

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

**ACTION:** Notice Summarizing OCS Civil Penalties Paid, September 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides a listing of civil penalties paid September 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997, for violations of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA). The goal of the MMS OCS Civil Penalties Program is to assure safe and clean operations on the OCS. Through the pursuit, assessment, and collection of civil penalties and referrals for the consideration of