

subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 35, Township 18 North, Range 29 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, in the State of Nevada, under Group No. 763, was accepted November 23, 1998.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Reclamation.

2. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands will be officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on December 28, 1998:

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines of Township 16 North, Range 28 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, in the State of Nevada, under Group No. 763, was accepted November 23, 1998.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Reclamation.

3. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands will be officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on December 28, 1998:

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the south boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the meanders of Carson Lake, and the determination of a partition line in the relicted lands of Carson Lake, the completion survey of the south boundary, the subdivision of fractional sections 25 and 36, the metes-and-bounds survey of Parcel A, and the survey of Tracts 37, 38, 39 and 40, Township 17 North, Range 28 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, in the State of Nevada, under Group No. 763, was accepted November 23, 1998.

This survey was executed to meet certain needs of the Bureau of Reclamation.

4. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands will be officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on December 28, 1998:

The plat, in three (3) sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the east and west boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the meanders of Carson Lake, and the survey of portions of the east and west boundaries, the metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of U.S. Highway No. 95, and the survey of Tracts 37 and 38, Township 16 North, Range 29 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, in the State of Nevada, under Group No. 763, was accepted November 23, 1998.

This survey was executed to meet certain needs of the Bureau of Reclamation.

5. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands will be officially filed at

the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on December 28, 1998:

The plat, in three (3) sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the west and north boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the meanders of Carson Lake, and the determination of the partition lines in the relicted lands of Carson Lake, the survey of the south boundary, the completion survey of the east and west boundaries, the metes-and-bounds surveys of a private claim and a portion of U.S. Highway No. 120, and the survey of Tracts 37, 38, 39 and 40, Township 17 North, Range 29 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, in the State of Nevada, under Group No. 763, was accepted November 23, 1998.

This survey was executed to meet certain needs of the Bureau of Reclamation.

6. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands will be officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on December 28, 1998:

The plat, representing the survey of the subdivisional lines of Township 16 North, Range 30 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, in the State of Nevada, under Group No. 763, was accepted November 23, 1998.

This survey was executed to meet certain needs of the Bureau of Reclamation.

7. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands will be officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on December 28, 1998:

The plat, in three (3) sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the south, west and north boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the meanders of Carson Lake, and the completion survey of the south boundary, and the survey of Tract 37, Township 17 North, Range 30 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, in the State of Nevada, under Group No. 763, was accepted November 23, 1998.

This survey was executed to meet certain needs of the Bureau of Reclamation.

8. Subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals and classifications, the requirements of applicable laws, and other segregations of record, those lands listed under items 2 through 7 are open to application, petition, and disposal, including application under the mineral leasing laws. All such valid applications received on or prior to December 28, 1998, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in order of filing.

9. The above-listed surveys are now the basic record for describing the lands

for all authorized purposes. These surveys have been placed in the open files in the BLM Nevada State Office and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the surveys and related field notes may be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

David J. Clark,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of information collection solicitation.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection using an optional electronic spreadsheet to simplify creation of the Form MMS-2014 when reporting purchases of the Government's royalty oil.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, PO. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; courier address is Building 85, Room A613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; e-mail address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning this information collection—Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-mail Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov. For questions concerning the electronic spreadsheet—Larry Barker, Division of Verification, phone (303) 231-3157, FAX (303) 231-3189, e-mail Lawrence.Barker@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, section 3506 (c)(2)(A), we are notifying you, members of the public and affected agencies, of this collection of information, including a newly-developed electronic spreadsheet. On September 3, 1998, OMB emergency approval was granted for MMS to provide, for optional use, an

electronic spreadsheet to simplify required submission by industry of payment and other data associated with royalty production purchased from MMS (OMB Control Number 1010-0118). One version of this spreadsheet may be used to report purchase of Federal-only RIK production. A second version may be used to report Federal purchase data and also to submit data in a form acceptable to the State of Wyoming (State) on the State RIK production jointly sold with Federal production. The publication of this Notice has been timed to coincide with current RIK purchasers' use of the new spreadsheet so that they can provide feedback to MMS on their experience using it to report Federal production. Examples of both versions of the spreadsheet are attached for use of others who may wish to comment (Attachment 1). MMS would like to know, with regard to reporting Federal RIK purchases only:

(a) Is using the spreadsheet easier and more efficient than preparing a manual Form MMS-2014?

(b) Is this information collection necessary for us to properly do our job?

(c) Have we accurately estimated the industry burden for responding to this collection?

(d) If not, please explain.

(e) Can we enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect?

The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for the collection of royalties from lessees producing minerals from leased Federal lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage the production of mineral resources on Federal onshore and offshore leases and agreements, to collect the royalties due, and to distribute resulting revenues in accordance with those laws. MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary. Most royalties are now paid in-value—when a company or individual enters into a contract to develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the United States a share (royalty) of the full value received for the minerals taken from leased lands. MMS uses an automated fiscal accounting system, the Auditing and Financial System (AFS), to account for revenues collected from Federal leases/agreements. The Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, Form MMS-2014, is the only document used for reporting royalties paid in-value and other lease-related financial transactions to MMS. The AFS relies on data reported by

payors on Form MMS-2014 for the majority of its processing.

In addition to accounting for royalties reported by payors, the AFS, using Form MMS-2014 information, performs numerous other functions. These functions include monthly distribution of mineral revenues to State and General Treasury accounts; providing royalty accounting and statistical information to States and others who have a need for such information; and identifying under-reporting and nonreporting so MMS can promptly collect revenues. Sales and royalty information gathered through the AFS is compared with production data collected by an MMS automated production accounting system—the Production Accounting and Auditing System (PAAS). This AFS/PAAS comparison of reported sales with reported production provides MMS with the ability to corroborate reported production volumes to help verify that the proper royalties are being collected.

MMS has begun the first of three pilot programs to study the feasibility and cost/effectiveness of taking the Government's oil and gas royalties in-kind (RIK), that is, as a share of production rather than an in-value payment. Successful bidders who entered into RIK contracts with MMS pursuant to an Invitation for Bids (IFB) published July 1, 1998 are taking federal royalty oil beginning October, 1998. The contracts require purchasers of royalty oil to make payment to MMS for the royalty oil and report payments and related data. The first payments and reports are due by November 30, 1998.

Since RIK pilot purchasers will not need to use the full range of reporting instructions and methods on Form MMS-2014, MMS has made available at no cost an electronic spreadsheet to more simply create electronic Form MMS-2014. The purchaser has the choice of reporting either (1) through use of the spreadsheet (which will electronically generate a Form MMS-2014 for MMS) (2) on a hard copy Form MMS-2014, or (3) through a company's own MMS-compatible automated reporting systems (which a number of present in-value royalty reporters currently use).

Before providing the electronic spreadsheet to purchasers, MMS will enter into each purchaser's copy of the spreadsheet the following reference data—lease number, royalty rate, property name, total property volume, percent allocated to Federal ownership, percent allocated to fee or State ownership and what percent of total property volume a particular lease represents. MMS needs the reference data to identify and account for

purchasers' reports of payment for RIK production purchased from those properties.

The purchaser will, on its monthly Form MMS-2014, subsequently enter for the entire property (1) RIK volumes purchased, (2) the unit price, (3) total value, and (4) quality value. If reference data items such as royalty rate should change, purchasers would update the electronic spreadsheets for continued (always optional) use based on information provided by BLM or MMS personnel and lessees/operators.

If purchasers need to amend an initial Form MMS-2014 report, they will have the choice of doing so either by entering changes manually on a hard-copy Form MMS-2014 or by using MMS's established electronic reporting process.

MMS has chosen to defer development of a permanent form for reporting of the purchase of RIK production until MMS has gained the benefit of experience from the RIK pilots. If simplifying filing of Form MMS-2014 data through use of the electronic spreadsheet is effective for the 1 to 3-year period represented by the Wyoming crude oil RIK pilot, then MMS plans to continue use of this approach through the second RIK pilot (limited to gas from Texas 8(g) zone) and the third RIK pilot (larger volumes of gas from wider areas of the Gulf of Mexico Region). Using the electronic spreadsheet has the advantage of eliminating or delaying creation of a new form until its requirements are better defined, while still meeting MMS' needs to properly distribute funds, carry out the AFS/PAAS comparison, and provide information to other recipients about their share of payments distributed from Federal revenues.

This collection represents a significant net reduction in burden. While a few new companies may report, the overall number of respondents is greatly reduced. This is because only one purchaser need report one or two lines of data aggregating volumes from a multi-lease property, rather than multiple lessee/producers each reporting at the detailed revenue source level that in-value royalty payments would require for the same properties. The electronic spreadsheet allocates data needed by MMS automatically to levels of the revenue sources within each lease agreement on the Form MMS-2014, reducing complexity of reporting. We estimate that the time required to prepare and submit this information is about 2 minutes per line monthly.

Attachment 1

Minerals Management Service
 Royalty-In-Kind Pilot Program
 Federal Oil and Gas Purchase System

OMB 1010-0118 (Exp. March 31, 1999)

RIK Oil and Gas Reporting and Payment for:

Example: Oil Company Inc.
 123 Green Tree Street
 Sam City, Wyoming 82003

Payor Code RIK07

Payor Assigned | Document Number: A12345
 Contract Number: MMS-RIKWY9:

MMS	
RIK Quantity	1,735
RIK Value	\$15,657.40

Internal Disk File Name a:\Test.csv

Create Electronic Reports:

MMS - 2014 Transmittal Letter
 MMS - 2014 Form

Instructions: Enter the data in the yellow boxes above and below. Once you have ensured that all of the data elements are correct, select/push the "MMS-2014 Transmittal Letter" button to print the Transmittal Letter. Then select/push the "MMS - 2014 form" button to create the MMS-2014 CSV format file. The files should then be sent to the MMS as provided in the "2014 Instruction Sheet". The RIK purchase amount due is shown in the green box noted as "RIK Value". or modifications insert at least two new lines (one with a negative amount of the original line and one for the new line). Give the new lines a new line code. For example line code B0100 would become B0100M1 and B0100M2.

Insert the proper amount of lines in the 2014 Work Sheet and 2014 sheet.

Line Code	Property Name	Agree/Lease Number	Purchased RIK Quantity	Purchase Unit Price	RIK Value	Gravity ° API	Sales Month	Selling Arrg. Code	Transaction Code	Adjustment Reas. Code	MMS Tract Pct.	State/Fee Tract Pct.	100% Volume
B0100	Example Agreement	892-000123-A	1,692.5	\$9.00	\$15,232.40	25.0	1098	002	01	00	62.8827%	37.1173%	2,691.50
B0200	Example Lease	Fed 1234567890	42.5	\$10.00	\$425.00	23.1	1098	002	01	00	100.0000%	0.0000%	42.50
Totals			1,735.0	\$9.02	\$15,657.40								2,734.00

Certification Statements

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to inform you that this information is being collected by the Minerals Management Service (MMS) to document details of royalty payments and sales of minerals from leases on Federal lands. We will use this information to maintain and audit lease accounts, and we estimate the burden for reporting electronically is 2 minutes per line and for reporting manually is 7 minutes per line. Comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate or suggestions on reducing this burden should be directed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, MS 4230, MMS, 1849 C Street, N. W., Washington, DC 20240 and to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20503. Proprietary information submitted to the U. S. Department of the Interior is protected in accordance with standards established by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U. S. C. 1733), the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S. 552 (b) (4)), and the Departmental Regulations (43 CFR 2). 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.

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 Joint Effort Royalty-in-Kind Pilot Program
 Royalty Oil and Gas Purchase System

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RIK Oil and Gas Reporting and Payment for:

Exmpl. Oil Company Inc.
 123 Green Tree Street
 Sam City, Wyoming 82003

Report Month (mmyy):	1198
Print Method Code:	3

Payor Code RIK0?
 Document Number: A12345
 Contract Number: 12345678B

MMS	State	Total
RIK Quantity	1,107	628
RIK Value	\$5,653.85	\$15,657.40

Create Electronic Reports:

- MMS-2014 Transmittal Letter
- MMS-2014 Form
- State of Wyoming - Form M2E

Internal Disk File Name:
 a:\Test.csv

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Then select/push the "MMS - 2014 Form" button to create the MMS-2014 CSV format file.

Then select/push the "State of Wyoming - Form M2E" button to create the M2E text file. These separate files should then be sent to the MMS and the State of Wyoming as provided in the instruction package.

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Dated: November 17, 1998.

Lucy Querques Denett,
 Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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