

adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 4, 2000.

Priscilla Mecham,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1910-BJ-4377; ES-50671, Group 154, Minnesota]

Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Minnesota

The plat of the dependent resurvey of portions of the south, east and north boundaries, portions of the subdivisional lines, the survey of the subdivision of sections 1 through 4, 6, 7, 9 through 21, 23 through 28, and 30 through 36, the reestablishment of the record meander line in sections 2, 3, 4, 11, 18, 23 and 34, and the metes-and-bounds survey in section 34, Township 143 North, Range 39 West, 5th Principal Meridian, Minnesota, will be officially filed in Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on June 19, 2000.

The survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., June 19, 2000.

Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: May 4, 2000.

Stephen G. Kopach,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZA 18465]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, has filed an

application to extend Public Land Order No. 6493 for a 20-year period. This order withdrew public land from surface entry and mining for sewage treatment, a water well, and a buffer zone for a Federal Correctional Institution located on adjacent land.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by August 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Facilities Manager, Federal Correctional Institution, 37900 North 45th Avenue, Phoenix, Az 85027-7003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: D.C. Henderson, Federal Correctional Institution, Phoenix, Arizona; 623-465-9757.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 2, 2000, the Bureau of Prisons filed an application to extend Public Land Order No. 6493 for a 20-year period. Public Land Order No. 6493 withdrew the following described land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 6 N., R. 2 E.,

Sec. 28, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 70 acres in Maricopa County.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the Facilities Manager, Federal Correctional Institution, Phoenix, Arizona.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal extension must submit a written request, by the date specified above, to the Facilities Manager, Federal Correctional Institution, Phoenix, Arizona. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

Dated: May 9, 2000.

Kelly Grissom,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Request.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), we are notifying you that an information collection request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We are also soliciting your comments on this ICR which describes the information collection, its expected costs and burden, and how the data will be collected.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department (OMB Control Number 1010-NEW), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. You should also send copies of these comments to us. Our mailing address for written comments regarding this information collection is David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225. Courier or overnight delivery address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Email address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

Public Comment Procedure

Your comments and copies of your comments may be submitted to the addresses listed above. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include Attn: Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, Form MMS-2014, OMB Control Number 1010-NEW, and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we

have received your Internet message, contact David S. Guzy directly at (303) 231-3432.

We will post public comments after the comment period closes on the Internet at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov>. You may arrange to view paper copies of the comments by contacting David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3432, FAX (303) 231-3385. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review on the Internet and during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, email

Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance.

OMB Control Number: 1010-NEW.

Bureau Form Number: Form MMS-2014.

Abstract: The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for the collection of royalties from leases producing minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage the production of mineral resources on Indian lands and Federal onshore and offshore leases, to collect the royalties due, and to distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. MMS is responsible for the royalty management functions assigned to the Secretary and is developing a financial accounting system which includes royalty and production reporting as a part of an overall effort to improve management of the nation's resources. This new system will be effective October 1, 2001, and will replace both the Accounting and Financial System and the Production Accounting and Auditing System.

MMS's proposal for royalty reporting requirements was published in the Federal Register on February 23, 1999 (64 FR 8835).

In April 1996, RMP undertook a compliance reengineering initiative. The principal reengineering objective was to define and implement a new compliance strategy ensuring that Federal and Indian mineral lease revenues were accurately and timely paid in the most cost-effective manner possible.

The Royalty Policy Committee (RPC), which includes representatives from industry, States, Indian Tribal and allottee groups, and MMS, issued recommendations in June 1996 to streamline both royalty and production reporting. An action plan was developed to implement many of the recommendations. However, in August 1996, the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA) was enacted into law. RSFA significantly changed many of RMP's historical operating assumptions as well as some fundamental Federal oil and gas mineral revenue financial activities. Although near-term changes in processes and systems were made to implement the law, long-term strategies, business processes, and aging systems needed to be addressed for RMP to be cost-effective and responsive to customer needs. The decision was made April 1, 1997, to expand reengineering to all RMP core business processes. This is the most comprehensive review of RMP's business processes and organization since its creation in 1982.

When a company or individual enters into a contract to develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the United States, Indian tribe, or allottee a share (royalty) each month of the full value received for the minerals taken from leased lands. The Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, Form MMS-2014, is the only document used for reporting royalties, certain rents, and other lease-related transactions to MMS.

As part of our reengineering effort, we analyzed current information collection requirements for the existing Form MMS-2014 and built upon the RPC's earlier recommendations. As a result of our analysis, we developed and incorporated revised reporting requirements for Form MMS-2014 which will reduce the volume of lines reported and processed, minimize errors and related error correction workloads, simplify reporting and lower costs for both industry and RMP. The revised Form MMS-2014 incorporates RPC's recommendations and input received

from States, Indian Tribes, and other industry groups.

Industry will not begin using the revised Form MMS-2014 until October 1, 2001, when we implement our new financial accounting system. However, we are requesting approval of this revised form immediately, so that industry can begin work on the necessary systems development and reprogramming adjustments and changes that may be required as they prepare for the new reporting requirements that will be effective October 1, 2001. Please note that the existing Form MMS-2014 will continue to be used until the change over to the revised Form MMS-2014 in the fall of 2001.

Failure to collect the information provided by Form MMS-2014 would render it impossible to ensure that MMS is collecting and disbursing the full value of royalties received from production of leased lands. Collection of royalties directly impacts the amount of funds made available to the United States Treasury, to State governments, and to Indian Tribes and allottees.

The PRA 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. As required in 5 CFR 1320.8(d), MMS published a 60-day **Federal Register** Notice on February 23, 1999 (64 FR 8835), soliciting comments from the public on this revised Form MMS-2014.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Payors-companies or individuals who enter into a contract to develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,300 payors.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 124,500 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: \$4.7 million.

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. 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 June 19, 2000.

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

Dated: March 27, 2000.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection

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

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Request (OMB Control Number 1010-NEW).

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), we are notifying you that an information collection request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We are also soliciting your comments on this ICR which describes the information collection, its expected costs and burden, and how the data will be collected.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before June 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department (OMB Control Number 1010-NEW), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503; telephone (202) 395-7340. You should also send copies of these comments to us. Our mailing address for written comments regarding this information collection is David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165,

MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225. Courier or overnight delivery address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Public Comment Procedure

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to the offices listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. You may also comment via the Internet to *RMP.comments@mms.gov*. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Include Attn: OMB Control Number 1010-NEW, and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact David S. Guzy directly at (303) 231-3432.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Production Accounting and Auditing System Reports.

OMB Control Number: 1010-NEW.

Bureau Form Numbers: Forms MMS-4054, MMS-4055, MMS-4056, and MMS-4058.

Abstract: The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for the collection of royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is authorized to manage lands, to collect royalties due, and to distribute royalty funds. MMS is responsible for the royalty management functions assigned to the Secretary and is developing a financial accounting system which includes royalty and production reporting as a part of an overall effort to improve management of the nation's resources. This new system will be effective October 1, 2001, and will replace both the Accounting and Financial System and the Production Accounting and Auditing System. MMS' proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1999 (64 FR 8844). We received 15 comments related to production reporting. We responded to these comments in the ICR that we submitted to OMB.

In April 1996, MMS undertook a compliance reengineering initiative. The principal reengineering objective was to define and implement a new compliance strategy ensuring that Federal and Indian mineral lease revenues were accurately and timely paid in the most cost-effective manner possible.

The Royalty Policy Committee (RPC), which includes representatives from industry, States, Indian Tribal and allottee groups, and MMS, issued recommendations in June 1996 to streamline both royalty and production reporting. An action plan was developed to implement many of the recommendations. However, in August 1996, the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act (RSFA) of 1996, was enacted into law. RSFA significantly changed many of the Royalty Management Program's (RMP) historical operating assumptions as well as some fundamental Federal oil and gas mineral revenue financial activities. Although near-term changes in processes and systems were made to implement the law, long-term strategies, business processes, and aging systems needed to be addressed for RMP to be cost-effective and responsive to customer needs. The decision was made April 1, 1997, to expand reengineering to all RMP core business processes. This is the most comprehensive review of RMP's business processes and organization since its creation in 1982.

As part of our reengineering effort, we analyzed current information collection requirements for existing Forms MMS-3160, MMS-4051, MMS-4054, MMS-4055, MMS-4056, and MMS-4058 (OMB control Number 1010-0040) to confirm the presence of data needed to