

feasibility; and (e) full disclosure of your plans, arrangements (financial and otherwise), pertaining to the development and operation of your desert-land entry.

BLM uses the information you provide to (a) determine your eligibility to make a desert-land entry, (b) classify the lands included in the application, and (c) ensure that the requirements of the Desert Land Act and implementing regulations are met. If BLM did not collect this information, beneficial development of desert lands would be precluded. This collection of information is short, simple, and limited to the information necessary for efficient operation of the program. The information, which is required by law, is a voluntary, non-recurring submission necessary to receive a benefit. There is no other source for the information, and failure by the applicant to furnish the required information will result in the applicant not being allowed to reclaim, irrigate and cultivate desert lands.

Based on its experience administering the program, BLM estimates that approximately 20 applications are received annually and that it takes an average of 90 minutes for a applicant to supply the requested information. The frequency of response is once per entry. Based on the estimated number of applications BLM receives annually and the average time it takes an applicant to supply the requested information, the total annual burden is collectively 30 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of the desert land entry application (Form 2520-1) by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: March 25, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

*Chief, Regulatory Management Team.*

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#### **Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0010**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information from those persons seeking to acquire title to public land under the color-of-title authority. The BLM collects information to assure that statutory requirements for conveyance of title under the Color-of-Title Act have been met.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 28, 1996, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0011" and your name and return address in your Internet address.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, L Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vanessa R. Engle, Realty Use Group, (202) 452-7776.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a, 1068b), provides for the issuance

of a land patent (deed) to eligible individuals, groups, or corporations who believe they have a valid claim to public lands under color-of-title. The information collected on Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-2, is required by Departmental regulations 43 CFR 2541.2 (35 FR 9592, June 13, 1970), and is used by the agency to identify information concerning conveyances of title and related matters.

Any individual seeking to acquire a title to public land under the color-of-title authority must make application and provide information essential to compliance with law, regulations, and procedures. As required by the Color-of-Title Act and 43 CFR 2541.2 (b) and (c), information provided on Form 2540-2 is used to certify the applicant's claim for land property title rights from the Federal government. Without this conveyance information, the BLM cannot finalize the claim.

Form 2540-2 may be submitted in person or by mail to the proper BLM office. The following is an explanation of specific items of information requested on Conveyances Affecting Color of Claim of Title 2540-2, pursuant to 43 CFR 2541.2 (b) and (c): (1) the name of applicant is needed to identify the person/entity filing a claim; (2) the legal description of the claimed land must be listed as recorded in public records of the county concerned; (3) grantor-grantee recorded ownership for each conveyance of the subject property as required by law; and (4) certification from the public official administering the county records or a certified abstractor must be provided to determine the validity of the application. Response is mandatory if the color-of-title claimant wishes to obtain the benefits of the statute and gain clear title to the claimed property. Failure to provide the necessary information results in the rejection of the color-of-title application.

If the information on Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-2 was not collected, the BLM would be unable to carry out the mandate of the Color-of-Title Act and the responsibilities for implementing 43 CFR 2540 and 2541. Form 2450-2 requires only the minimal information necessary to determine claim validity. Based on its experience processing Color-of-Title applications, the BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-2 is one hour. It is estimated that approximately 37 Color-of-Title applications are filed annually for a total annual burden of 37 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-2 by contacting any BLM Office or the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

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**Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0134**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information for operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. BLM uses the information to determine whether proposed operations may be approved to begin, to alter operations, or to allow operations to continue. The information also enables BLM to monitor compliance with granted approvals. Granted approvals include drilling plans, prevention of waste, protection of resources, development of a lease, measurement, production verification, and protection of public health and safety.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 28, 1996, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0134" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 A.M. to 4:15 P.M., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Gamble, Compliance Team, Fluids Group, (202) 452-0340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

In accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as

amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359); the various Indian leasing acts; and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), BLM's implementing regulations at 43 CFR Part 3160 require affected Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas operators and operating rights owners to maintain records or provide information by means other than the submission of forms.

The recordkeeping and non-form information collection items required under various provisions of 43 CFR Part 3160 pertain to data submitted by the operator or operating rights owner. The information either provides data so that proposed operations may be approved or enables the monitoring of compliance with granted approval and is used to grant approval to begin or alter operations or to allow operations to continue. The specific requirements are listed by regulation section.

The information required under 43 CFR Part 3160 covers a broad range of possible operations, and rarely will any specific operator be required to obtain or provide each item. Many of the requirements are one-time filings used to gain approval to conduct a variety of oil and gas operations. Others are routine data submissions that are used to monitor production and ensure compliance with lease terms, regulations, Orders, Notices to Lessees, and conditions of approval. Production information from each producing lease is used to verify volumes and disposition of oil and gas produced on Federal and Indian lands. All recordkeeping burdens are associated with the non-form items requested.

Based on its experience managing the activities required by these regulations, BLM estimates the annual burden of each provision, including recordkeeping, as follows.

Regulatory information collection (43 CFR)	Description	Total burden hours	Total respondents
3162.3-1(a) .....	Well-Spacing Program .....	450	150
3162.3-1(e) .....	Drilling Plans .....	28,750	2,875
3162.6 .....	Well Markers .....	30	300
3162.5-2(b) .....	Direction Drilling .....	165	(5% of wells) 165
3162.4-2(a) .....	Drilling Tests, Logs, Surveys .....	330	(10% of wells) 330
3162.3-4(a) .....	Plug and Abandon for Water Injection .....	600	1,200
3162.3-4(b) .....	Plug and Abandon for Water Source .....	600	1,200
3162.7-1(d) .....	Additional Gas Flaring .....	400	400
3162.5-1(c) .....	Report of Spills, Discharges, or Other Undesirable Events .....	200	200
3162.5-1(b) .....	Disposal of Produced Water .....	3,000	1,500
3162.5-1(d) .....	Contingency Plan .....	1,000	50
3162.4-1(a) and 3162.7-5(d)(1).	Schematic/Facility Diagrams .....	28,851	2,350
3162.7-1(b) .....	Approval and Reporting of Oil in Pits .....	260	520