

There are no other known cost burdens to the respondents.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*OMB Number:* 1010-0079.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Comments:* The MMS will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in its submission for OMB approval.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

(1) The MMS specifically solicits comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of MMS's functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. The MMS needs your comments on this item. Your response should split the cost estimate into two components:

(a) Total Capital and startup cost component and

(b) Annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of services component.

Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collection information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (1) before October 1, 1995; (2) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Carole A. deWitt, (703) 787-1242.

Dated: June 13, 1996.

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### **Using Third Parties to Certify Training Programs for Lessee and Contractor Employees Working in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil, Gas, and Sulfur Operations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The MMS requires certain people who work on the OCS to complete training programs certified by MMS. The MMS is considering having one or more third parties administer the training program certification process and has proposed a revision of MMS regulations to provide for this. The MMS, while not yet looking for third parties, invites questions on or comments about the role a third party might play in training program certification, should a decision be made to use them.

**DATES:** The public is invited to comment on this notice. The MMS will consider all comments we receive by July 22, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand-carry your written comments on this notice to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service, Mail Stop 4810; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817; Attention: Chief, Information and Training Branch.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph Levine, Chief, Information and Training Branch, telephone (703) 787-1033 or fax (703) 787-1575.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MMS has two principal objectives for using third parties—

- improving workplace safety, worker training, and preventing pollution through the innovation third parties could bring by serving as "think tanks" for improved training; and
- reducing government costs by shifting them to the regulated industry.

The MMS has included a provision allowing the use of third parties in the proposed revisions (Federal Register, vol. 60, p. 55683, 11/2/95) to its OCS worker training regulations (30 CFR 250, Subpart O, Training). The MMS decision to use third parties depends, in part, on whether MMS can identify and secure one or more suitable third

parties. When released, the final rule will reflect whether MMS believes it will be able to do this. If MMS decides not to use third parties to do certification work, it would continue its role as certifier, and it might begin to recover costs from organizations seeking training program certification. This would not provide all the benefits of using a third party, but it would shift certification costs away from MMS.

### **Current Program**

Certain OCS oil and gas workers must pass job-specific training as required by the Subpart O regulations. The organization that provides the training gives each worker who passes it an MMS training certificate. Workers must be re-certified from time to time through additional training. The training organization provides MMS with information on worker certification within 30 days after a worker successfully completes training. The MMS monitors worker training and certification in a database. Each year MMS must update about 20 percent of the database's approximate 40,000 records.

A training organization that teaches Subpart O training must have its programs reviewed periodically by MMS to determine whether they meet all regulatory requirements. If they do, MMS certifies the training programs conditionally, pending a successful onsite evaluation by MMS. Certification to teach a Subpart O training program is valid for 4 years. A training organization may request a 4-year renewal of a certified program at any time expect during the last 90 days of the initial certification period. The MMS treats a renewal application the same as it does an application for a new program.

There are about 60 training organizations teaching MMS-approved programs in drilling, well-completion, well-workover, and well-servicing well control operations. The MMS processes an average of 15 requests for training program certification or re-certification each year.

The MMS conducts unannounced training site evaluations on 10 percent of all certified training programs each year. These evaluations, which follow standard procedures (i.e., appropriate entrance and exit interviews with students, instructors, and administrative staff, and good record checking) ensure that organization—

- adhere to their approved training plans and technical manuals; and
- maintain a proper learning atmosphere with regard to classroom instruction, hands-on instruction, and testing.

The MMS also conducts unannounced audits on 25 percent of all certified training programs each year. These audits emphasize program record maintenance, classroom layout and function, and classroom or hands-on instruction. Finally, MMS tests students at the training site on a random basis to verify that they understand the curriculum.

#### Duties of a Third Party

If adopted, third parties would continue much of what MMS does under the current program. They would also report periodically to MMS on their activities. These reports would include any significant certification or monitoring issues, ideas for improving training programs and techniques, and recommendations for enhancing worker safety and protecting the environment.

Some specifics may include—

- reporting to MMS on the certified training programs and the associated training organizations;
- evaluating and reporting to the MMS the relationships between training program requirements and incidents that occur at offshore facilities (e.g., analyses of offshore operators' "near-miss" and well "kick" data and well blowout prevention equipment); and
- recommending changes to the certification process or MMS training program requirements.

#### Qualifications of a Third Party

The MMS will consider several factors in choosing a third party.

**Certification fee structure.** MMS would not pay third parties to do certification work. Instead, third parties would charge training organizations a service fee. The MMS would determine whether a fee is reasonable and equitable.

**Certifier's credentials.** Third parties should have knowledge of and practical experience with oil and gas drilling, well-completion, well-workover, well-supervising, and/or production activities. They also should be experienced at assessing teaching credentials and curricula. Training programs may include traditional instructor/classroom training as well as other training techniques (e.g., team-based or computer-based).

**Reliability and responsiveness.** Third parties would have to dedicate sufficient staff and resources to handle anticipated workloads; demonstrate that they can process certification requests competently and promptly; and install a system to maintain complete, up-to-date, and accessible records.

**Objectively.** To avoid conflicts of interest, third parties could not consider

certification requests from training organizations in which either the third party or the organization held a financial or business interest in the other. Third parties would honor certification requests from any other training organization. The MMS would expect third parties to develop a process for objectively reviewing training organization appeals.

**Training program assessment capabilities.** Third parties would have to demonstrate they can assess training program performance. While MMS would not insist that third parties use the current monitoring techniques, MMS would expect a comparable program to be in place. Also, third parties would have to emphasize "after-the-school" workforce performance appraisals. In particular, MMS is interested in methods that assess knowledge retention, and how the training is applied in the workplace. Third parties would provide MMS with feedback on worker training improvements.

**MMS oversight.** Third parties would assist MMS in its oversight role by helping investigate complaints about certification determinations and cooperating in MMS audits. The MMS also would expect third parties to grant MMS *ex officio* status on any of its governing boards or executive/management committees. Third parties would consult with the MMS on concerns over whether a proposed program meets MMS requirements. This might be important when third parties have to certify programs that involve new, unusual, or alternative techniques.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

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#### National Park Service

##### Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets the schedule for the forthcoming meeting of the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

**MEETING DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS:** Monday, July 22, 1996; 2 to 4 p.m., Innerwest Priority Board conference room, 1024 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45407.

**AGENDA:** This business meeting will be open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate members of the public are limited and persons accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. The Chairman will permit attendees to address the Commission, but may restrict the length of presentations. An agenda will be available from the Superintendent, Dayton Aviation, 1 week prior to the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Gibson, Superintendent, Dayton Aviation, National Park Service, P.O. Box 9280, Wright Brothers Station, Dayton, Ohio 45409, or telephone 513-225-7705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission was established by Public Law 102-419, October 16, 1992.

Dated: June 5, 1996.

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*Field Director, Midwest Field Area.*  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

##### Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 1996 Community Policing Discretionary Grants

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.  
**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the availability of grants to hire and/or rehire additional sworn law enforcement officers to engage in community policing. The COPS Universal Hiring Program permits interested agencies to supplement their current sworn forces or jurisdictions to establish a policing agency. Eligible applicants include State, local, and Indian policing agencies, jurisdictions seeking to establish a new policing agency and other agencies serving specialized jurisdictions, such as transit, housing, college, school, or natural resources.

**DATES:** COPS Universal Hiring Program Application Kits will be available in mid-June 1996. There will be three application deadlines for the Universal Hiring Program: July 15, 1996, for Round 1; August 15, 1996, for Round 2; and September 15, 1996, for Round 3. Applications not funded in Rounds 1 and 2 will be carried over to subsequent rounds.

**ADDRESSES:** COPS Universal Hiring Program Application Kits will be mailed