

and recordkeeping "cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We need to know if you have costs associated with the collection of this information for either total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. 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 collecting information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

Title: Directed Third Party Communications Between Operators and Deliverers of Federal RIK Production to Strategic Petroleum Reserve—Extension.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0130.

Abstract: The Secretary of the Interior, under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 192) and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1353), is responsible for the management of royalties on minerals produced from leased Federal lands. MMS carries out these responsibilities 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 may take the Government's royalty in the form of production, that is, as royalty-in-kind (RIK).

On February 11, 1999, the Department of the Interior announced that it will assist in an Administration initiative to collect RIK crude oil production from Federal lessees in the Gulf of Mexico and transfer the RIK to the Department of Energy (DOE). DOE will use the RIK oil to refill 28 million barrels of oil removed several years ago from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). DOE published a Request for Offers in April

1999 for the exchange of Federal RIK crude oil for oil to be delivered to the SPR. This initiative is separate from MMS's RIK program for eligible refiners of crude oil. It is also separate from MMS's three RIK pilot projects and investigation of direct Federal consumption which are being conducted to show whether or not RIK is viable for the Federal Government.

To assure timely delivery to DOE of MMS's correct volume of RIK production, MMS is issuing letters directing lessees and operators, from whose Federal leases RIK is to be taken, to carry out all necessary communications needed during the exchanges and deliveries. OMB granted emergency approval (OMB Control Number 1010-0130, expiration date November 30, 1999) for MMS to instruct lessees or their operators through such a letter, which contains reporting and recordkeeping requirements, to conduct all necessary communications with RIK exchange contractors during RIK SPR activities.

The three kinds of directed communication between operators and exchange contractors are: (1) information about the volumes, quality, and delivery dates of production being made available as RIK; (2) information correcting volumes, quality, and timing of delivery and acceptance of RIK production; and (3) information concerning transportation costs, if needed. Experience with RIK Pilots demonstrates that the directed communication requirements differ according to the needs of each situation. We had reasoned that, by obtaining approval for these three kinds of reporting requirements (as opposed to approval of a number of specific letters to operators), we could draft situation-specific letters—that is letters including only the types of directed communications needed for each pilot situation. This logic and the substance of the situation applies to the SPR situation also.

The types of communication and supporting data we will require operators to use in setting up the monthly delivery of RIK to the SPR are standard business practices in the oil and gas industry. The information in the directed communication is essential to the delivery and acceptance of verifiable quantities and qualities of oil and gas and is exchanged as a normal part of the conduct of those business activities, even when operators are not directed to do so. No proprietary information will be submitted to MMS under this collection. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. The requirement to respond is mandatory.

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.

Burden Statement: The reporting burden is estimated to average 2 minutes per response including the time for reviewing the instructions. In calculating the burden, we assume that respondents perform many of the requirements and maintain records in the usual and customary course of their business activities.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Lessees or operators of Federal oil or gas leases participating in delivery of Federal RIK production to the SPR.

Frequency of Collection: Monthly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 42 in Year 1; and 42 in Year 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 26 hours in Year 1; and 46 in Year 2.

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Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach (202) 208-7744.

Dated: August 6, 1999.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 6, 1999.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Ira Mills ((202) 219-5096 ext. 143) or by E-Mail to Mills-Ira@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Application of the Polygraph Protection Act.

OMB Number: 1215-0170.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 328,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15-90 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 82,406.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: These third-party notifications and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to insure polygraph examinees receive the protections and rights mandated by the Employee Polygraph Protection Act.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed

and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of data collection using Form ETA 563, Quarterly Determinations, Allowance Activities, and Reemployment Services Under the Trade Act.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before October 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Curtis K. Kooser, Information Specialist, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room C4318, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210. Phone (202) 219-4845, ext. 111 (this is not a toll-free number), FAX (202) 218-5753.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Trade Act of 1974, Section 236(d), as amended, requires the President to submit an annual report to the Congress on the trade agreements program which includes information on trade adjustment assistance for workers. The information from this collection of data is also used in the Secretary's annual report to Congress on training waivers granted and revoked, as required by Section 231(c)(3) of the Trade Act, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988. Furthermore, key workload data on the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and North American Free Trade Agreement Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) programs are needed to measure program performance and to allocate program and administrative funds to State agencies administering the programs for the Secretary.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the Equality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

This is a notice of proposed extension of collection of information currently approved by OMB and assigned—

OMB Control No.: 1205-0016.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Quarterly Determinations, Allowance Activities, and Reemployment Services Under the Trade Act.

OMB Number: 1205-0016.

Affected Public: State or Local Government.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: Form ETA 563.

Total Respondents: 52.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: An average of about 4,275 responses are received each quarter, or about 17,100 per year.

Average Time per Response: The average time per response is estimated to be 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,472.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

Edward A. Tomchick,
Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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