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automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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We amended our regulations to authorize the delegation of certain Federal royalty management functions to states. On August 13, 1996, Congress enacted the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-185, as corrected by Pub. L. 104-200 (RSFA). RSFA amends portions of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* Prior to enactment, section 205 of FOGRMA, 30 U.S.C. 1735, provided for the delegation of only audits, inspections, and investigations to the States. RSFA amendments to section 205 now provide that MMS may delegate other Federal royalty management functions to requesting States:

- (1) Conducting audits, and investigations;
- (2) Receiving and processing production and royalty reports;
- (3) Correcting erroneous report data;
- (4) Performing automated verification; and
- (5) Issuing demands, subpoenas (except for solid mineral and geothermal leases), orders to perform restructured accounting, and related tolling agreements and notices to lessees or their designees.

We estimate that the annual burden to states participating in these delegated functions is 10,400 hours. We estimate that the annual burden for industry will be 200,000 hours for payors and reporters providing royalty and production reports to MMS.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

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.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are soliciting comments on an information collection titled Cooperative Agreements, OMB Control Number 1010-0087, which expires on July 31, 2000.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The 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 address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Email address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, CO 80225-0165. Courier or overnight delivery address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. 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. Please also include Attn: Cooperative Agreements, OMB 1010-0087, 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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Cooperative agreements benefit both MMS and the State or Tribe involved by helping to ensure proper product valuation, correct and timely production reporting, and correct and timely royalty payment through the application of an

aggressive and comprehensive audit program. To be considered for a cooperative agreement, States and Tribes must comply with the regulations at 30 CFR part 228 by submitting a request to the Director, MMS, and preparing a proposal detailing the work to be done. While working under a cooperative agreement, the States and Tribes must submit quarterly vouchers to claim reimbursement for the cost of eligible activities.

We have cooperative agreements with seven Indian Tribes and ten States. Burden estimates for participants include application preparation, voucher preparation each quarter, and submission of an annual work plan and budget. We estimate that the total annual burden for participants in performing cooperative agreements is 1,224 hours.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains in the Possession of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.9, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Carnegie Museum of Natural History professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Pawnee Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

In 1899, human remains representing one individual were sold by Thomas Howell Richards of Bunker Hill, IL to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

During the 1890s, Mr. Richards visited several reservations "in Dakota", and purchased a large collection of primarily Sioux materials during that time, of which these human remains are a part. Mr. Richard's information identifies these human remains (a scalp lock) as "Scalp lock taken by Running

Bull (Sioux) from Pawnee Indian (sic) in the last battle between those nations." Consultation with representatives of the Pawnee Indian Tribe of Oklahoma indicates this battle was probably at Massacre Canyon near Trenton, NE. No evidence exists to contradict this information.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Pawnee Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Pawnee Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Dr. James B. Richardson, Curator, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 5800 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206-3706; telephone: (412) 665-2601, before January 3, 2000. Repatriation of the human remains to the Pawnee Indian Tribe of Oklahoma may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Francis P. McManamon,

Departmental Consulting Archeologist, Manager, Archeology and Ethnography Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items from Warren, RI in the Possession of the Museum of the City of New York, New York, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.