

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****[GX11EB00A184000]****Agency Information Collections Activities; The Pecora Award; Application and Nomination Process****AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments for a new information collection.

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. After public review, we will submit an information request to the Office of Management and Budget for review and consideration for approval. Please note that we 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.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments to this IC, we must receive them on or before October 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this IC to the USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-7197 (phone); 703-648-6853 (fax); or cbartlett@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028-NEW Pecora Award in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, please contact the U.S. Geological Survey, Tina Pruett, MS-517, 12201 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, VA 20192 (mail), by telephone (703)-648-4585, or tpruett@usgs.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The William T. Pecora Award is presented annually to individuals or groups that make outstanding contributions toward understanding the earth by means of remote sensing. The award is sponsored jointly by the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

In 1974 the Pecora award was established in honor of Dr. William T.

Pecora, former Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, Under Secretary, Department of the Interior and a motivating force behind the establishment of a program for civil remote sensing of the earth from space. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals or groups working in the field of remote sensing of the earth. National and international nominations are accepted from the public and private sector individuals, teams, organizations, and professional societies.

Nomination packages include three sections: (A) Cover Sheet, (B) Summary Statement, and (C) Supplemental Materials. The cover sheet includes professional contact information. The Summary Statement is limited to two pages and describes the nominee's achievements in the scientific and technical remote sensing community, contributions leading to successful practical applications of remote sensing, and/or major breakthroughs in remote sensing science or technology. Nominations may include up to 10 pages of supplemental information such as resume, publications list, and/or letters of endorsement.

The award consists of a citation and plaque, which are presented to the recipient at an appropriate public forum by the Secretary of the Interior and the NASA Administrator or their representatives. The name of the recipient is also inscribed on permanent plaques, which are displayed by the sponsoring agencies.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028-NEW.

Title: The Pecora Award; Application and Nomination Process.

Type of Request: This is a new collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses and other academic and non-profit institutions; State, local and tribal governments.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 20.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of

the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at anytime. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that will be done.

Dated: August 9, 2011.

Bruce Quirk,

Program Coordinator, Land Remote Sensing Program, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[LLNM922000-11-L13200000-EL0000; OKNM 126630]

Notice of Invitation To Participate; Coal Exploration License Application OKNM 126630, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Vale Exploration USA, Inc., on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in LeFlore and Haskell Counties, Oklahoma.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published in the *Poteau Daily News* newspaper once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of August 22, 2011 and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice referencing the Exploration License Application serial number OKNM 126630 to both the BLM and Vale Exploration USA, Inc., as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section

below no later than 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this notice in the *Poteau Daily News* newspaper, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed exploration plan (case file OKNM 126630) are available for review from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday: BLM New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and BLM, Oklahoma Field Office, 7906 East 33rd Street Suite 101, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: State Director, BLM New Mexico State Office, P. O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115 and Vale Exploration USA, Inc., 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida T. Viarreal at 505-954-2163, iviarrea@blm.gov or Powell King (505) 954-2160, pkking@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individuals during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the exploration program is to gain structural and quality information about the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR part 3410 require the publication of an invitation to participate in the coal exploration in the **Federal Register**. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following described lands in LeFlore and Haskell Counties, Oklahoma, and are described as follows:

Hartford Exploration Area, LeFlore County, Oklahoma

Indian Meridian
T. 6 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 24, E $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 25, All;
Sec. 36, All, less Lot 1.
T. 6 N., R. 26 E.,
Sec. 14, All;
Sec. 15, All;
Sec. 16, All;
Sec. 17, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 19, lots 1-4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 20, All;
Sec. 21, All;
Sec. 22, All;
Sec. 23, All;
Sec. 25, All;

Sec. 28, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 29, All;
Sec. 30, lots 1-4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 31, lots 1-4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 32, All.
T. 6 N., R. 27 E.,
Sec. 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 9, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 10, lots 3-4, inclusive, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 15, lots 1-4, inclusive, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 16, All;
Sec. 17, All;
Sec. 18, All;
Sec. 19, All;
Sec. 20, All;
Sec. 21, All;
Sec. 22, lots 1-4, inclusive, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$.
Containing 16,313.44 acres, more or less.

Lafayette Exploration Area, Haskell County, Oklahoma

Indian Meridian
T. 8 N., R. 21 E.,
Sec. 22, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 24, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 25, All;
Sec. 26, All;
Sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 33, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 34, All;
Sec. 35, All;
Sec. 36, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$.
T. 8 N., R. 22 E.,
Sec. 28, All;
Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, less lot 1;
Sec. 30, lots 2-4, inclusive, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 31, lots 1-2, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 32, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 33, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.
Containing 6,927.92 acres, more or less.

The proposed exploration program is fully described in, and will be conducted pursuant to, an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Michael Tupper,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLNM922000 L13200000.EL0000; NMNM 124051]

Notice of Invitation To Participate; Coal Exploration License Application NMNM-124051, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are invited to participate with the BHP-Billiton/San Juan Coal Company, on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in San Juan County, New Mexico.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published in *The (Farmington) Daily Times* newspaper once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of August 22, 2011 and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice referencing the Exploration License Application serial number NMNM 124051 to both the BLM and BHP-Billiton/San Juan Coal Company as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below no later than 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this notice in *The Daily Times* newspaper, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed exploration plan (case file number NMNM-124051) are available for review from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday: BLM, New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and BLM, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: State Director, BLM, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115 and BHP-Billiton/San Juan Coal Company, P.O. Box 561, Waterflow, New Mexico 87421.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Rivera at (505) 954-2162, lrivera@blm.gov; or Powell King at (505) 954-2160, pkking@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the exploration program is to gain structural and quality information about the coal. The BLM regulations at 43 CFR 3410 require the publication of