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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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OMB Control Number 1029-0129]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Reclamation Awards – Call for Nominations.

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are proposing to renew an information collection for OSMRE's call for nominations for its Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards and Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to:
The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Information Collection Clearance
Officer, Attn: John Trelease, 1849 C Street, NW; Mail Stop 4559, Washington, DC 20240.
Comments may also be submitted electronically to *jtrelease@osmre.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this
ICR, contact John Trelease by email at *jtrelease@osmre.gov*, or by telephone at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment
on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the
impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It
also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the
requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are
especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection
necessary to the proper functions of the OSMRE; (2) is the estimate of burden accurate; (3) how
might the OSMRE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(4) how might the OSMRE minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including
through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We

will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title of Collection: Reclamation Awards – Call for Nominations.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0129.

Abstract: This information collection clearance package is being submitted by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) for renewed approval to collect information for our annual call for nominations for our Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards and Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards. Since 1986, the Office of Surface Mining has presented awards to coal mine operators who completed exemplary active reclamation. A parallel award program for abandoned mine land reclamation began in 1992. The objective was to give public recognition to those responsible for the nation's most outstanding achievement in environmentally sound surface mining and land reclamation and to encourage the exchange and transfer of successful reclamation technology. This collection request seeks a three-year term of approval.

Form Numbers: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Industry and state/tribal nominees for reclamation awards and state/tribal judges.

Total Annual Responses: 14 active mine respondents, 11 state and tribal abandoned mine land program respondents, and 26 state and tribal judges.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,646.

Total Annual Non-Wage Burden: \$2,500.

The authority for this action are the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201, et seq.) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.).

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