



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Helium Contracts

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to renew an information collection.

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 written comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Darrin King, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention PRA Office, 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or by email to

BLM_HQ_PRA_Comments@blm.gov. Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1004-0179 in the subject line of your comments. Please note that due to COVID-19, the electronic submission of comments is recommended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jennifer Spencer by email at *j35spenc@blm.gov*, or by telephone at 307-775-6261. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information

collections require approval under the PRA. The BLM may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies 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 especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency 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 response.

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.

Abstract: This control number authorizes the BLM to collect information that enables in-kind sales of helium in accordance with the Helium Stewardship Act (50 U.S.C. 167–167q) and 43 CFR part 3195. This request of for OMB to renew this OMB control number for an additional three years. There are no program, form, or other policy changes proposed with this renewal request. The BLM is requesting, however, that the burden for this OMB control number be adjusted from 240 to 244 total annual burden hours. The change in burden results from changes to the number of respondents for each information collection (form number) approved under this OMB control number.

Title of Collection: Helium Contracts (43 CFR part 3195).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0179.

Form Numbers: 3195-1; 3195-2; 3195-3; and 3195-4.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private helium merchants that sell a major helium requirement (i.e., an amount of refined helium greater than 200,000 standard cubic feet of refined gaseous helium or 7,510 liters of liquid helium) to a Federal agency or to private helium purchasers for use in Federal Government contracts.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 40.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 61.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 4 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 244.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Quarterly for the Refined Helium Deliveries Detail (Form 3195-4); Annually for the Calculation of Excess Refining Capacity (Form 3195-1)

and Refiners' Annual Tolling Report (Form 3195-2); and On occasion for the Refiners' Tolling Occurrence Report (Form 3195-3).

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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