



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Natural Resources Revenue

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OMB Control Number 1012-0010]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Solid Minerals and Geothermal

Collections

AGENCY: Office of Natural Resources Revenue (“ONRR”), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”), ONRR is proposing to renew an information collection. Through this information collection request (“ICR”), ONRR seeks renewed authority to collect information necessary to report the production and royalties on solid minerals and geothermal resources from Federal and Indian lands. ONRR uses forms ONRR-4292 (Coal Washing Allowance Report); ONRR-4293 (Coal Transportation Allowance Report); ONRR-4430 (Solid Minerals Production and Royalty Report); and ONRR-4440 (Solid Minerals Sales Summary) as part of these information collection requirements.

DATES: Your written comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: All comment submissions must (1) reference the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Control Number 1012-0010 in the subject line; (2) be sent to ONRR before the close of the comment period listed under **DATES**; and (3) be sent through one of the following two methods:

- *Electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Please visit

<https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search Box, enter the Docket ID Number for

this ICR renewal (“ONRR-2011-0001”) and click “search” to view the publications associated with the docket folder. Locate the document with an open comment period and click the “Comment” button. Follow the prompts to submit your comment prior to the close of the comment period.

- *Email Submissions:* Please submit your comments to ONRR_RegulationsMailbox@onrr.gov with the OMB Control Number (“OMB Control Number 1012-0010”) listed in the subject line of your email. Email submissions must be postmarked on or before the close of the comment period.

Docket: To access the docket folder to view the ICR **Federal Register** publications, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search “ONRR-2011-0001” to view renewal notices recently published in the **Federal Register**, publications associated with prior renewals, and applicable public comments received for this ICR. ONRR will make the comments submitted in response to this notice available for public viewing at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

OMB ICR Data: OMB also maintains information on ICR renewals and approvals. You may access this information at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>. Please use the following instructions: Under the “OMB Control Number” heading enter “1012-0010” and click the “Search” button located at the bottom of the page. To view the ICR renewal or OMB approval status, click on the latest entry (based on the most recent date). On the “View ICR—OIRA Conclusion” page, check the box next to “All” to display all available ICR information provided by OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Sweeney, Data Intake, Solutioning and Coordination, ONRR, by email at Nicole.Sweeney@onrr.gov or by telephone at (303) 231-3526. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should

use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, and 5 CFR 1320.5, all information collections, as defined in 5 CFR 1320.3, require approval by OMB. ONRR 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 ONRR's continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, ONRR is inviting the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information in accordance with the PRA and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1). This helps ONRR to assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand ONRR's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

ONRR is especially interested in public comments addressing the following:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of ONRR's 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. ONRR will include or summarize each comment in its 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 ONRR in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, ONRR cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Abstract: (a) General Information: The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (“FOGRMA”) directs the Secretary of the Interior (“Secretary”) to “establish a comprehensive inspection, collection and fiscal and production accounting and auditing system to provide the capability to accurately determine oil and gas royalties, interest, fines, penalties, fees, deposits, and other payments owed, and to collect and account for such amounts in a timely manner.” *See* 30 U.S.C. 1711. ONRR performs these and other mineral revenue management responsibilities for the Secretary. *See* U.S. Department of the Interior Departmental Manual, 112 DM 34.1 (Sept. 9, 2020).

ONRR uses the information collected in this ICR to ensure that a lessee properly pays royalty and other mineral revenues due on solid and geothermal resources produced from Federal and Indian lands. ONRR also uses these forms for lessees to claim a coal washing and/or transportation allowance. ONRR shares the data with the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Tribal and State governments for their land and lease management responsibilities. The requirement to report accurately and timely is mandatory.

(b) Information Collections: This ICR covers the paperwork requirements under 30 CFR parts:

- 1202, subpart H, which pertains to geothermal resources royalties.
- 1206, subparts F, H, and J, which pertain to product valuation of Federal coal,

geothermal resources, and Indian coal.

- 1210, subparts E and H, which pertain to production and royalty reports on solid minerals and geothermal resources leases.
- 1212, subparts E and H, which pertain to recordkeeping of reports and files for solid minerals and geothermal resources leases.
- 1217, subparts E, F, and G, which pertain to audits and inspections of coal, other solid minerals, and geothermal resources leases.
- 1218, subparts E and F, which govern the payment of royalties, rentals, bonuses and other monies due for solid minerals and geothermal resource production.

All data reported is subject to subsequent audit and adjustment.

A lessee uses the following forms for solid minerals production, sales, royalty reporting, and allowances:

(i) ONRR-4292, Coal Washing Allowance Report: A lessee of any Indian lease producing coal must submit this form to claim a coal washing allowance.

(ii) ONRR-4293, Coal Transportation Allowance: A lessee of any Indian lease producing coal must submit this form to claim a coal transportation allowance.

(iii) ONRR-4430, Solid Minerals Production and Royalty Report: A Federal or Indian lessee must submit this form to report royalties, certain rents, and other lease-related transactions on solid mineral leases.

(iv) ONRR-4440, Solid Mineral Sales: A lessee files this form for all coal and other solid minerals produced from Federal and Indian leases and for any remote storage site which the lessee sells Federal or Indian solid minerals.

Title of Collection: Solid Minerals and Geothermal Collections—30 CFR parts 1202, 1206, 1210, 1212, 1217, and 1218.

OMB Control Number: 1012-0010.

Form Numbers: ONRR-4292, ONRR-4293, ONRR-4430, and ONRR-4440.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Businesses.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 100 reporters.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 9,716.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 4,385 hours.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: The estimated average completion time is 27.07 minutes per response. The average completion time is calculated by first multiplying the estimated annual burden hours (4,385) by 60 minutes to obtain the total annual burden minutes (263,100). Then the total annual burden minutes (263,100) is divided by the estimated annual responses (9,716). While the burden hours increased from the last ICR renewal (87 FR 56974, September 16, 2022) this is not due to any additional collection requirements from industry. Because ONRR received 1,375 more annual responses than expected, the associated burden hours also increased.

Respondent's Obligation: The records maintenance and the filing of forms ONRR-4430 and ONRR-4440 are mandatory. The filing of forms ONRR-4292 and ONRR-4293, and the submission of solid minerals and geothermal resource information that do not have an ONRR form, are required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Monthly, annually, and on occasion.

Estimated Annual Non-hour Cost Burden: ONRR has identified no "non-hour" cost burden associated with the collection of information.

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.

The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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