



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Mine, Development, and Mineral Exploration Supplement

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS, we) is proposing to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments. To be considered, your comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- Internet: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS-E&M-2025-0002.
- U.S. Mail: USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer,
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shonta E. Osborne by email at sosborne@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 703-648-7960. 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. You may also view the ICR at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA of 1995, as part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, 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 provides 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 comments addressing the following issues:

(1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS minerals information mission; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how the USGS might enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how the USGS might 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 personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The National Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 21(a)) and the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980 (30 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) mandate that the Secretary of the Interior collect, evaluate, and analyze information concerning mineral occurrence, production, and use for the

domestic mineral industry and to inform Congress of important domestic mining and minerals industries developments, including crises. Many of the responsibilities regarding mineral resources are delegated to the USGS by Secretary's Order No. 3193, "Transfer of Selected Functions from the U.S. Bureau of Mines to the U.S. Geological Survey," and are carried out, in part, through this information collection. Respondents to these forms supply the USGS with domestic exploration, development, and production data. These data and derived information will be published as a chapter in the "Minerals Yearbook."

Title of Collection: Mine, Development, and Mineral Exploration Supplement.

OMB Control Number: 1028-0060.

Form Number: USGS Form 9-4000-A.

Type of Review: Renewal with extension of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions: U.S. nonfuel minerals and exploration operations.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 324

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Estimated Completion Time per Response: 45 minutes

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 243

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary

Frequency of Collection: Annually

Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this ICR.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authorities for this action are the PRA of 1995, the National Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970, and the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research

and Development Act of 1980.

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