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Reinstatement of Previously Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0137

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request reinstatement of approval for the collection of information from oil and gas well operators concerning operations that were performed on each well, using the Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log (Form 3160-4). BLM uses the information to ensure recording of an accurate, up-to-date, and detailed description of well completion or recompletion operations and compliance with approved plans for conservation of the resource and protection of the environment.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by June 7, 1996, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0137" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Gamble, Compliance Team, Fluids Group, (202) 452-0340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in

published current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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.

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), as amended; the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359), as amended; the various Indian leasing acts; the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), as amended, and other environmental laws govern onshore oil and gas operations. BLM's implementing regulations are located at 43 CFR Part 3160. These regulations took their current form in 1982 (47 FR 47765, Oct. 27, 1982) and have been amended many times, most recently in February (61 FR 4752, Feb. 6, 1996).

BLM's regulations at 43 CFR 3162.4-1(b) require an oil and gas well operator to submit the Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log (Form 3160-4) within 30 days after well completion. The information reported by the operator includes type of work, surface and subsurface location, start and completion dates, producing interval, casing, date of first production, and initial well potential. The operator certifies the accuracy and completeness of the information by signature and date.

BLM uses the information for royalty considerations and inspection and reservoir management purposes. Technical data provide means to evaluate the appropriateness of specific drilling and completion techniques. The data enables BLM to monitor the engineering aspects of production and the legal requirements of lease obligation to develop the resource.

In its entirety, the data submitted is used for agency technical evaluation of operations performed on a well and initial well performance. The form documents that operations were carried out in accordance with the terms and provisions of the lease and in technically and environmentally safe manners.

Based on its experience administering the onshore oil and gas program, BLM estimates that approximately 2,200 forms are filed annually and that it takes an average of one hour for a respondent to supply the requested information. The information collected is already maintained by the respondents for their own recordkeeping purposes and must only be entered on the form. The frequency of response is variable depending on the type of activity conducted at oil and gas wells and operating circumstances, but averages two responses per respondent per year. Respondents are operators of oil and gas wells. The estimated total annual burden is 2,200 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 3160-4 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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Call for Nominations on New Mexico Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for a limited number of seats on the New Mexico Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils currently assisting BLM in New Mexico. The Council was established in 1995 by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice to BLM on management of the public lands. Nominations should be received 45 days from the publication date of this notice. In making appointments to Resource Advisory Council, the Secretary will also consider nominations made by the Governor of the State of New Mexico.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish advisory councils to provide advice on land use planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are