(threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences); Determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods; Developing strategies to facilitate the recovery of the MTS after a Transportation Security Incident; Developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional mitigation strategies can be applied; and Providing advice to, and assisting the Captain of the Port in developing and maintaining the Area maritime Security Plan.

STAMS Committee Membership

Members of the AMSC should have at least 5 years of experience related to maritime or port security operations. The South Texas AMSC has fourteen members, made up of at least one individual from the Corpus Christi, Rio Grande Valley, Port of Port Lavaca-Point Comfort and Victoria Barge Canal, Port Security Working Groups (PSWG). We are seeking to fill two vacancies with this solicitation. Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the committee. Members' term of office will be for 5 years; however, a member is eligible to serve an additional term of office. Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on the AMSC. In support of the USCG policy on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

Request for Applications

Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications to the local Captain of the Port; however, because we do have an obligation to ensure that a specific number of members have the prerequisite maritime security experience, we encourage the submission of résumés highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries.

Dated: February 19, 2010.

R.J. Paulison,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Corpus Christi.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5374–N–06]

Buy American Exceptions Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–05, approved February 17, 2009) (Recovery Act), and implementing guidance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), this notice advises that certain exceptions to the Buy American requirement of the Recovery Act have been determined applicable for work using Capital Fund Recovery Formula and Competition (CFRFC) grant funds. Specifically, an exception was granted to the Bedford Township Housing Commission for the purchase and use of coil roofing nails for a re-roofing project at the Ivor Lindsay Housing Complex.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC 20410–4000, telephone number 202–402–8500 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act provides that none of the funds appropriated or made available by the Recovery Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 1605(b) provides that the Buy American requirement shall not apply in any case or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality, or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. Section 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination pursuant to section 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the **Federal Register.**

In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and OMB's implementing guidance published on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 18449), this notice advises the public that, on February 3, 2010, upon request of the Bedford Township Housing Commission, HUD granted an exception to the applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, based on the fact that the relevant manufactured goods (coil roofing nails) are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

Dated: February 26, 2010.

Sandra B. Henriquez,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS–2009–OMM–0013]

MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010–0006, Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the Outer Continental Shelf and Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing, Extension of a Collection; Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an information collection (1010–0006).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 256, "Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the Outer Continental Shelf," and 30 CFR 260, "Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing," and related documents. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

DATES: Submit written comments by April 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by either fax (202) 395–5806 or e-mail (*OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010–0006). Please also submit a copy of your comments to MMS by any of the means below.

• *Electronically:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov*. In the entry titled "Enter Keyword or ID," enter docket ID MMS–2009–OMM–0013 then click search. Under the tab "View By Relevance" you can submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this collection of information. The MMS will post all comments.

• Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Cheryl Blundon; 381 Elden Street, MS–4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817. Please reference Information Collection 1010–0006 in your subject line and include your name and return address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787–1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulation and forms that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 256, Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the Outer Continental Shelf, and 30 CFR 260, Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing.

Forms: MMS–150, MMS–151, MMS–152, MMS–2028, and MMS–2028A.

OMB Control Number: 1010–0006.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Also, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA) prohibits certain lease bidding arrangements (42 U.S.C. 6213(c)).

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952, 31 U.S.C. 9701, authorizes Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that provide special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior's policy implementing this Act, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is required to charge the full cost for services that provide special benefits or privileges to an identifiable non-Federal recipient above and beyond those that accrue to the public at large. Instruments of transfer of a lease or interest are subject to cost recovery, and MMS regulations specify the filing fee for these transfer applications.

These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to the MMS under which we issue regulations governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the OCS. This information collection request (ICR) addresses the regulations at 30 CFR 256, Leasing of Sulphur or Oil and Gas in the OCS, 30 CFR 260, Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing, and the associated supplementary Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) intended to provide clarification, description, or explanation of these regulations. This ICR also concerns the use of forms to process bonds per subpart I, Bonding, the transfer of interest in leases per subpart J, Assignments, Transfers and Extensions, and the filing of relinquishments per subpart K, Termination of Leases. The forms are:

• MMS–150, Assignment of Record Title Interest in Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease,

• MMS–151, Assignment of Operating Rights Interest in Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease,

• MMS–152, Relinquishment of Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease,

• MMS–2028, OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond,

• MMS–2028A, OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Supplemental Plugging and Abandonment Bond.

Regulations implementing these responsibilities are under 30 CFR part 256. Responses are mostly mandatory or required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked. The MMS protects information considered proprietary according to section 26 of the OCS Lands Act, the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and 30 CFR 256.10(d).

The MMS uses the information required by 30 CFR part 256 to determine if applicants are qualified to hold leases in the OCS. Specifically, MMS uses the information to:

• Verify the qualifications of a bidder on an OCS lease sale. Once the required information is filed with MMS, a qualification number is assigned to the bidder so that duplicate information is not required on subsequent filings.

• Develop the semiannual List of Restricted Joint Bidders. This identifies parties ineligible to bid jointly with each other on OCS lease sales, under limitations established by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

• Ensure the qualification of assignees and track operators on leaseholds. Once a lease is awarded, the transfer of a lessee's interest to another qualified party must be approved by an MMS Regional Director or Regional Supervisor. Also, a lessee may designate an operator to act on the lessee's behalf. This designation must be approved by MMS before the designated operator may begin operations.

• Document that a leasehold or geographical subdivision has been surrendered by the record title holder.

The MMS will use this information to update the corporate database which is used to determine what leases are available for a lease sale and the ownership of all OCS leases. Non-proprietary information is also publicly available from the MMS corporate database via the Internet.

The MMS uses the information required by subpart J—Assignments, Transfers and Extensions, to track the ownership of leases as to record title, operating rights, and pipeline right-of-ways.

The MMS also uses various forms relating to this subpart. The forms allow lessees to submit the required information in a standardized format that helps MMS process the data in a more timely and efficient manner. The five forms associated with this ICR and their purposes are:

MMS–150—Assignment of Record Title Interest in Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease

MMS–151—Assignment of Operating Rights Interest in Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease

These two forms pertain to lease ownership and status information that are extremely important to the oil and gas industry as they strategize long-range planning for oil and gas development and the sharing of the expense and liabilities of OCS offshore drilling and development.

MMS–152—Relinquishment of Federal OCS Oil and Gas Lease Form

Once a respondent submits this form, the lessee has relinquished their interest in the lease.

MMS–2028—Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Minerals Lessee's and Operator's Bond

MMS 2028A—Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Supplemental Plugging and Abandonment Bond

The MMS uses these two forms to hold the surety libel for the obligations and liability of the principal/lessee or operator.

Frequency: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Potential respondents comprise Federal oil, gas, and sulphur lessees and operators.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: The estimated annual hour burden for this information collection is a total of 15,732 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

Citation 30 CFR Part 256 and NTLs	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
		Non-hour cost burdens		
Subparts A through F				
Subparts A, C, E, H, L, M.	None	Not applicable.		0.
Subparts G, H, I, J: 37; 53; 68; 70; 71; 72; 73.	Request approval for various operations or submit plans or applications. [Approved collections include 1010–0114, 1010–0141, 1010–0142, 1010–0149, 1010–0151].	Burden included with other 30 CFR 250 approved collections.		0.
Subpart B: All sections	Submit suggestions and relevant information in response to request for comments on proposed 5-year leasing program, including information from States/local governments.	Not considered IC as defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4).		0.
Subpart D: All sections	Submit response to Call for Information and Nominations on areas for leasing of minerals in specified areas in accordance with an approved leasing program, including information from States/local governments.	Not considered IC as defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4).		0.
Subpart F: 31	States or local governments submit comments/recommendations on size, timing or location of proposed lease sale.	4	10 responses	40.
Subtotal			10 responses	40 hours.
Subpart G				
Subpart G: 35; 46(d), (e)	Establish a Company File for pre-qualification; submit updated information, submit qualifications for lessee/bidder, request exception.	2	104 responses	208.
41; 43; 46(g)	Submit qualification of bidders for joint bids and statement or report of production, along with supporting information/appeal.	2	100 responses	200.
44; 46	Submit bids and required information	5	2,000 bids	10,000.
47(c)	File agreement to accept joint lease on tie bids	3½	2 agreements	7.
47(e)(1), (e)(3)	Request for reconsideration of bid rejection	Not considered IC as defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(9).		0.
47(f), (i); 50	Execute lease (includes submission of evidence of authorized agent and request for dating of leases; lease stipulations).	1	852 leases	852.
Subtotal			3,058 responses	11,267 hours.
Subpart I				
Subpart I: 52(f)(2), (g)(2)	Submit authority for Regional Director to sell Treasury or alternate type of securities.	2	10 submissions	20.
53(a), 53(b); 54	OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Bond (Form MMS–2028).	¼	124 responses	31.

Citation 30 CFR Part 256 and NTLs	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
53(c), (d), (f); 54(e)	Demonstrate financial worth/ability to carry out present and future financial obligations, request approval of another form of security, or request reduction in amount of supplemental bond required.	3½	165 submissions	578 (rounded).
54	OCS Mineral Lessee's and Operator's Supplemental Plugging & Abandonment Bond (Form MMS–2028A).	¼	136 responses	34.
55	Notify MMS of any lapse in previous bond/action filed alleging lessee, surety, or guarantor is insolvent or bankrupt.	1	3 notices	3.
56	Provide plan/instructions to fund lease-specific abandonment account and related information; request approval to withdraw funds.	12	1 submission	12.
57	Provide third-party guarantee, indemnity agreement, financial information, related notices, reports, and annual update; notify MMS if guarantor becomes unqualified.	19	45 submissions	855.
57(d)(3); 58	Notice of and request approval to terminate period of liability, cancel bond, or other security.	½	378 requests	189.
59(c)(2)	Provide information to demonstrate lease will be brought into compliance.	16	5 responses	80.
Subtotal			867 responses	1,802 hours.
Subpart J				
Subpart J: 62; 63; 64; 65; 67.	File application and required information for assignment or transfer for approval/comment on filing fee (Forms MMS–150 and MMS–151).	2 forms @ 30 min ea = 1 hr.	1,680 applications/ forms.	1,680.
		1,680 Title/Rights (Transfer) Assignments @ $186–$312,480		
63; 64(a)(8)	Submit non-required documents, for record purposes, which respondents want MMS to file with the lease document. [Accepted on behalf of lessees as a service, MMS does not require nor need the filings.].	0	2,995 documents	0.
		2,995 @ $27 ea = $80,865		
64(a)(7)	File required instruments creating or transferring working interests, etc., for record purposes.	1	700 filings	700.
Subtotal			5,375 responses	2,380 hours.
			$393,345 non-hour cost burdens	
Subpart K				
Subpart K: 76; 92(a)	File written request for relinquishment (Form MMS–152).	1	240 relinquishments	240.
77(c)	Comment on lease cancellation (MMS expects 1 in 10 years).	1	1 comment	1.
Subtotal			241 responses	241 hours.
Subpart N				
Subpart N: 92(a)	Request a bonus or royalty credit; submit supporting documentation.	1	1 request	1.
95	Request approval to transfer bonus or credit to another party; submit supporting information.	1	1 request	1.

Citation 30 CFR Part 256 and NTLs	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
Subtotal			2 responses	2 hours.
Citation 30 CFR Part 260	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual reponses	Annual burden hours
124(a)	Request MMS to reconsider field assignment of a lease.	Exempt under 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2), (c).		0.
Total Reporting		9,553 Responses		15,732 Hours.
		$393,345 Non-Hour Cost Burdens		

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden: We have identified three paperwork non-hour cost burdens associated with the collection of information. Sections 256.62 and 256.64(a) require respondents to pay service fees when submitting either a request for assignment of record title interest, assignment of operating rights interest, and/or to file documents for record purposes. The service fees are required to recover the Federal Government's processing costs. We have not identified any other non-hour cost burdens associated with this collection of information, and we estimate a total reporting non-hour cost burden of $393,345.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency "* * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *" Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on October 6, 2009, we published a **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 51316) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 256.0 provides the OMB control number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR 256 regulations and their associated forms. The regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to these efforts.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your comments to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by April 5, 2010.

Public Availability of Comments: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Arlene Bajusz (202) 208–7744.

Dated: January 19, 2010.

William S. Hauser,

Acting Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R2–ES–2009–N278; 20124–1112–0000–F2]

Environmental Impact Statement and Habitat Conservation Plan for the Incidental Take of Seven Federally Listed Species by the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement and draft habitat conservation plan; announcement of public scoping meetings; and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), advise the public that we intend to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), section 10(a)(1)(B) permit to one or more members of the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program (the "Applicant(s)") for incidental take of seven Federally listed species from activities associated with management and use of the Edwards Aquifer. The Applicant may include, among others, the Edwards Aquifer Authority ("EAA").

DATES: Written comments on alternatives and issues to be addressed in the draft EIS must be received by close of business on June 3, 2010. Public scoping meetings will be held at seven locations throughout South Central and South Texas. Public meetings will be held between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Exact meeting locations and times will be noticed within 2 weeks prior to each event in local newspapers and at the Austin Ecological Services Office Web site, *http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/AustinTexas/.*

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by mail to Mr. Adam Zerrenner, Field