

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Revision to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Revision to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee Under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

SUMMARY: Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has revised the OCS Policy Committee charter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-643). The OCS Policy Committee will provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the Minerals Management Service, related to the discretionary functions of the Bureau under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and related statutes. The Committee will review and comment on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development and protection of OCS resources and provide a forum to convey views representative of coastal states, local government, offshore mineral industries, environmental community, and other users of the offshore and the interested public. The charter was revised to include two additional members representing energy consumers and to add the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management as an ex officio member of the Committee.

Certification

I hereby certify that the OCS Policy Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by the OCS, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 18, 2005.

Gale A. Norton,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Secretary****Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

DATES: April 28, 2005, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Office, 441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501, (907) 271-5011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The meeting agenda will feature discussions on selected proposed projects for fiscal year 2005.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Submission of Paperwork Reduction Act Request to Office of Management and Budget**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form-4432, Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and the Indian Health Service (IHS) has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The BIA is

soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, by facsimile at (202) 395-6566 or you may send an e-mail to:

OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Send a copy of your comments to Daisy West, Acting Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS-320-SIB, Washington, DC 20240; telephone: (202) 513-7641.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn Newman, (202) 513-7641.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A 60-day notice for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2004 (69 FR 59945). No comments were received on the workload burden or the form itself (OMB Control No. 1076-0160) during this public comment period. One comment was received on October 6, 2004, which concerned a substantive requirement for descendants of members of federally recognized Indian tribes but who were not themselves enrolled members of the tribe. This issue will be addressed during the rule revision.

I. Abstract

The purpose of the Indian Preference Form is to encourage qualified Indians to seek employment with the BIA and the IHS by offering preferential treatment to qualified candidates of Indian heritage. BIA collects information under the proposed regulations to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements. The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and the IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant. The collection of information allows certain persons who are of Indian descent to receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior, or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform the functions formerly performed as part of the BIA or the IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) You are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendant of a member and you were residing within the

present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska Native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States. The information is submitted in order to obtain or retain a benefit, namely, preference in employment with the BIA and the IHS.

II. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) 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;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Office of Management and Budget has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold any information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed. You may request copies of the information collection forms and our submission to OMB from the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

III. Data

Title: Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and the IHS, BIA Form 4432, 25 CFR 5.

OMB approval number: 1076-0160.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of respondents: Qualified Indians who are seeking preference in employment with the BIA and IHS. Approximately a total of 5,000 applications for preference in employment are received annually by the BIA field offices.

Frequency: On occasion as needed.

Estimated completion time: The average burden of submitting an Indian Preference Form is 30 minutes including time for reviewing instructions, searching data sources and assembling the information needed.

Total annual burden: 5,000 × ½ hour = 2500 hours.

Estimated cost: There are no costs to consider, except postage and the cost of duplicating the original verification form, because verification of the information is already available for other reasons. The form will be used by an applicant to seek documentation of Indian descent or membership from either a tribal official or the BIA.

Dated: February 11, 2005.

David W. Anderson,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Closure Order Establishing Prohibitions at Trinity Lake, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: *Purpose of Closure Order:* This closure is issued to provide for the protection of Federal property and to ensure public safety at Reclamation facilities.

Closure Areas: Under the authority of 43 CFR 423.3(b) the following facilities, lands, and waters are closed to the public: The crest of Trinity Dam and adjacent property, buildings, and facilities under the control of Reclamation. The closure area includes the area from the dam crest to the upstream waterline and 700 feet downstream of Trinity Dam and 700 feet on either side of the entire width of the dam downstream.

DATES: The entire closure area is to remain closed effective April 10, 2005, and remain closed indefinitely except as permitted as described below.

ADDRESSES: A map is available for inspection at Reclamation's Northern California Area Office (NCAO), located at 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard, Shasta Lake, California 96019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region Public Affairs Officer, Jeff McCracken, at (916) 978-5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Prohibited Acts:* The following acts are prohibited in the closure area.

A. Operating a motorized vehicle of any kind, including stopping, standing, or parking in the closure area.

General Exception: Operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express written authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager or his/her designee, law enforcement and fire department officials; ambulances and others who have received express written authorization to enter the closure area.

B. Entering the closure area on foot, on bicycle, or by any other means.

General Exception: Reclamation employees acting within the scope of their employment; operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager, or his/her designee, law enforcement and fire department officials; and others who have received express written authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager, or his/her designee to enter the closure area.

Limited Exception: Pedestrians and bicyclists may enter that portion of the closure area along the west side of the river for the purpose of fishing. All persons shall comply with all signs and other directions as posted or disclosed. This limited exception to the closure order may be revoked at any time to meet operational, security, or safety concerns as determined by the area manager or his/her designee.

C. Operating a vessel or watercraft of any kind, swimming, or scuba diving.

General Exception: Reclamation employees acting within the scope of their employment; operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager, or his/her designee, law enforcement and fire department officials; and others who have received express written authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager, or his/her designee to enter the closure area.

D. Fires.

E. Vandalism or destroying, injuring, defacing, or damaging real property that is not under one's lawful control or possession.