

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division

of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax (703) 358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

#### MARINE MAMMALS

Permit number	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
099846 .....	Donald L. Coffman ..	70 FR 19778; April 14, 2005 .....	October 11, 2005.
103429 .....	Robert G. Moyer .....	70 FR 46183; August 9, 2005 .....	October 11, 2005.
104360 .....	John L. Amistoso .....	70 FR 38190; July 1, 2005 .....	October 11, 2005.
106076 .....	Waitman R. Kesling .....	70 FR 46183; August 9, 2005 .....	October 11, 2005.
106098 .....	John R. Thodos .....	70 FR 41782; July, 20, 2005 .....	October 11, 2005.
106369 .....	Scott A. Jesseman ..	70 FR 46184; August 9, 2005 .....	October 3, 2005.
106641 .....	Eric G. Turnquist .....	70 FR 46183; August 9, 2005 .....	October 11, 2005.

Dated: October 21, 2005.

**Michael S. Moore,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-922-06-1310-FI; COC67712]

##### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC67712 from Cutler Exploration, JDW Inc, Nortex Corporation and Rocky Mountain Resources Inc for lands in Moffat County, Colorado. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, Beverly A. Derringer, Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303. 239.3765.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lessees have agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The lessees have paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$155 to reimburse the Department for

the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessees have met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease COC67712 effective June 1, 2004, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: November 8, 2005.

**Beverly A. Derringer,**

*Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

##### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease NMNM 13277

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of section 371(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the lessee(s), Culbertson Management Trust, Dan W. Irwin, and Kathleen Irwin Schuster, timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NMNM 13277 in Lea County, NM. The lessees paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination, June 1, 2002.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessee agrees to the new lease terms for rentals and royalties of (\$25 per acre) and 24 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent rate. The lessees paid the \$500 administration fee

for the reinstatement of the lease and \$158 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessees met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Sec. 31(e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188(e)). We are proposing to reinstate the lease, effective the date of termination subject to:

- The original terms and conditions of the lease;
- The increased rental of (\$25) per acre;
- The increased royalty of 24 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate; and
- The \$158 cost of publishing this Notice.

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria Baca, BLM, New Mexico State Office, (505) 438-7566.

Dated: November 4, 2005.

**Gloria Baca,**

*Land Law Examiner.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Minerals Management Service

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0140).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to OMB for review and approval.

This information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR Part 210—Forms and Reports, regarding Form MMS–2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before January 20, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Lead Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 302B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service or wish to hand-carry your comments, our courier address is Building 85, Room A–614, Denver Federal Center, West 6th Ave. and Kipling Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also e-mail your comments to us at [mrm.comments@mms.gov](mailto:mrm.comments@mms.gov). Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the “Attention” line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231–3211.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231–3211, FAX (303) 231–3781, or e-mail [sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov](mailto:sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title: 30 CFR Part 210—Forms and Reports (Form MMS–2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance).

OMB Control Number: 1010–0140.

Bureau Form Number: Form MMS–2014.

**Abstract:** The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is

required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands, collect the royalties due, and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The Secretary also has a trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. The MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out the Department’s trust responsibility for Indian lands.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA) of 1982, 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, states in Section 101(a) that the Secretary “\* \* \* shall 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 collect and account for such amounts in a timely manner.” The MMS collects the information on Form MMS–2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, which is the only document used for reporting oil and gas royalties, certain rents, and other lease-related transactions (e.g., transportation and processing allowances, lease adjustments, and quality). The information collected includes data necessary to ensure that the royalties are paid appropriately.

The persons or entities described under FOGRMA at 30 U.S.C. 1713 are required to make reports and submit reasonable information as defined by the Secretary. When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share (royalty) of the value received from production from the

leased lands. The lease creates a business relationship between the lessor and the lessee. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is similar to data reported to private and public mineral interest owners and is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling of such minerals. Applicable public laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands are located on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm).

The MMS is requesting OMB’s approval to continue to collect information using Form MMS–2014. Proprietary information submitted to MMS under this collection is protected, and no items of a sensitive nature are collected. The requirement to respond is mandatory.

*Frequency of Response:* Monthly and as required.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* 2,070.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden:* 158,021 hours.

We included 30 CFR 210.351, which was overlooked in the previous renewal, and added 12 burden hours to our estimates in the chart below. We also included 30 CFR 210.53(c)(1) and (2) from the final Federal Oil Valuation rule (effective August 1, 2004) and added 288 burden hours to our estimates in the chart below. We have not included in our estimates certain requirements performed in the normal course of business and considered usual and customary. The following chart shows the estimated burden hours by CFR section and paragraph:

RESPONDENTS’ ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

30 CFR part 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses <sup>1</sup>	Annual burden hours
210.20(a); 210.21(c)(1); 210.50; 210.52(a)(1), (2)(b), (c) and (d); and 210.354.	210.20 When is electronic reporting required?	Electronic (99 percent)		
	(a) You must submit a completed Form MMS–2014 * * * TO mms electronically.* * *	0.05 (3 minutes).	3,103,265	155,163
	210.21 How do you report electronically? .....		<sup>2</sup> – 22,000	<sup>2</sup> – 1,100
	(c)(1) You must submit an electronic sample of your report for MMS approval.* * *			
	210.50 Required recordkeeping. ....	Manual (1 percent)		
	* * * Records may be maintained in microfilm, microfiche, or other recorded media.* * *	0.1167 (7 minutes).	31,346	3,658

RESPONDENTS' ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS—Continued

30 CFR part 210	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses <sup>1</sup>	Annual burden hours
210.53 (c)(1) and (2) .....	210.52 Report of sales and royalty remittance. .... (a) You must submit a completed Form MMS–2014 (Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance) to MMS with: (1) All royalty payments; and, (2) Rents on nonproducing leases, (b) When you submit Form MMS–2014 data electronically, you must not submit the form itself. (c) Completed Forms MMS–2014 for royalty payments are due by the end of the month following the production month. (d) completed Forms MMS–2014 for rental payments are due no later than the anniversary date of the lease. 210.354 Monthly report of sales and royalty. .... A completed * * * Form MMS–2014 must be submitted each month once sales or utilization of production occur * * * This report is due on or before the last day of the month following the month in which production was sold or utilized 210.53 Reporting instructions. .... (c) On the Form MMS–2014, the operator must report* * * (1) The share of the production the operator purchased from each working interest owner and the associated royalty payment; and (2) The operator's own share of production and the associated royalty payment..	8 .....	36	288
210.351 .....	210.351 Required recordkeeping. .... Records may be maintained on microfilm, microfiche, or other recorded media that are easily reproducible and readable* * *.	1 .....	12	12
Burden Hour Total .....		3,112,659 ....	158,021	

<sup>1</sup> Each line is considered one response/report.

<sup>2</sup>Implementation of the final rule, Accounting and Auditing Relief for Marginal Properties, effective September 13, 2004, resulted in an annual decrease of 1,100 burden hours, calculated as follows: 22,000 lines × 3 minutes/60 minutes = 1,100 burden hours.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour Cost"*

*Burden:* We have identified no "non-hour cost" burden associated with the collection of information.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) provides that 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.

*Comments:* Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA Section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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.

The PRA also requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting "non-hour cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. If you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons

other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our ICR submission for OMB approval, including appropriate adjustments to the estimated burden. We will provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request. The ICR also will be posted on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm).

*Public Comment Policy:* We will post all comments in response to this notice on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm). We also will make copies of the comments available for public review, including names and addresses of respondents, during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Upon request, we will withhold an individual respondent's home address from the public record, as allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you request that we withhold

your name and/or address, state your request prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

*MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Arlene Bajusz, (202) 208-7744.

**Cathy J. Hamilton,**

*Acting Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0162).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This information collection request (ICR) is based on the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (CFO Act) and is titled "Accounts Receivable Confirmations."

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before January 20, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Lead Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 302B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service or wish to hand-carry your comments, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, West 6th Ave. and Kipling Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also e-mail your comments to us at [mrm.comments@mms.gov](mailto:mrm.comments@mms.gov). Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the "Attention" line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, FAX (303) 231-3781, or e-mail [sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov](mailto:sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Accounts Receivable Confirmations. *OMB Control Number:* 1010-0162. *Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands, collect the royalties due, and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out the Department's trust responsibility for Indian lands.

When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share (royalty) of the value received from production from the leased lands. The lease creates a business relationship between the lessor and the lessee. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is similar to data reported to private and public mineral interest owners and is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling of such minerals. The information collected includes data necessary to ensure that the royalties are paid appropriately.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, states in Section 101(a) that the Secretary " \* \* \* shall 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 collect and account for such amounts in a timely manner." The persons or entities described at 30 U.S.C. 1713 are required to make reports and provide reasonable information as defined by the Secretary.

Every year, under the CFO Act, the Department's Office of Inspector General, or its agent (agent), audits all Department bureaus' financial statements. The Department's goal is for

every bureau to receive an unqualified opinion. Accounts receivable confirmations are a common practice in the audit business. Due to continuously increasing scrutiny on financial audits, third-party confirmation on the validity of MMS financial records is necessary. Companies submit financial information on Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance (OMB Control Number 1010-0140, expires October 31, 2006) and on Form MMS-4430, Solid Minerals Production and Royalty Report (OMB Control Number 1010-0120, expires October 31, 2007).

As part of the CFO Act audits, the agent requests third-party confirmation responses, by a specified date, that MMS accounts receivable records agree with royalty payor records, for the following items: customer identification; royalty/invoice number; payor-assigned document number; date received; original amount reported; and remaining balance due MMS as of a specified date. In order to meet this requirement, MMS must mail letters on MMS letterhead, signed by the Deputy Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management, to royalty payors selected at random, asking them to confirm back to the agent the accuracy and/or validity of selected royalty receivable items and amounts. Verifying the amounts reported and the balances due will require time for research and analysis by payors. The MMS will send confirmation letters to all payors selected by the agent. The payors will be asked to submit confirmation information directly to the agent.

#### Applicable Citations

Applicable citations include: Public Law 101-576—Nov. 15, 1990, CFO Act; 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, FOGRMA; 30 U.S.C. 189 pertaining to Public Lands; 30 U.S.C. 359 pertaining to Acquired Lands; 25 U.S.C. 396d pertaining to Indian Lands; 43 U.S.C. 1334 pertaining to Outer Continental Shelf Lands; 30 U.S.C. 1713 pertaining to solid minerals, and revised geothermal regulations at 30 CFR 210.354. Relevant Minerals Revenue Management (MRM) regulations are codified at 30 CFR subchapter A, part 201 *et seq.*, and §§ 210.52 and 210.53; and part 206, subparts F and J; part 210, subparts B, E, and H; and part 218, subparts B and E. Applicable public laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands are located on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/PublicLawsAMR.htm).

This collection does not require proprietary, trade secret, or other confidential information not protected by agency procedures, and no items of