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**Dirk Kempthorne,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Information Collection for Reindeer in Alaska, Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments on the information collection: 25 CFR part 243, Reindeer in Alaska. The information collected under this program is related to the Alaska Native reindeer industry and applies to non-natives who own, or want to own reindeer in Alaska. It is used solely to monitor and regulate the possession and use of Alaskan reindeer by non-Natives in Alaska. This collection needs renewal.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 9, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Warren Eastland, Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 25520 [3rd floor Federal Building], Juneau, AK 99802-5520; Telephone (907) 586-7321 and Facsimile at (907) 586-7120. We cannot accept electronic submissions at this time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Warren Eastland, Wildlife Biologist, (907) 586-7321, Facsimile at (907) 586-7120.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Information to be provided includes name, address, and where an applicant will keep reindeer. The applicant must fill out a permit to get a reindeer for any purpose. The applicant is required to report on the status of reindeer annually or when a change occurs if earlier than the date for the annual report.

#### Request for Comments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests your comments on this collection concerning:

(a) The necessity of this information collection 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 (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and,  
(d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 347D, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We cannot guarantee that your personally identifiable information might not be made public at some time. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0047.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Title:* 25 CFR 243, Reindeer in Alaska.

*Brief Description of Collection:*

Information is provided to obtain or retain a benefit, namely, a permit to obtain a reindeer, but without such information no permit shall be issued.  
*Respondents:* Non-Natives who wish to possess Alaskan reindeer.

*Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 to 20 minutes with the average being 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* The number of respondents varies annually but never exceeds 10.

*Total Annual Burden to Respondents:* 3 hours.

Dated: March 28, 2008.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Tribal Energy Resource Agreement Regulations Public Information Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) will hold an all-day public information session on April 29, 2008, concerning the final regulations authorizing Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERA). These final regulations provide the process under which a tribe may apply for, and the Secretary of the Interior may grant, authority for an Indian tribe to review and approve leases and business agreements and grant rights-of-way for specific energy development activities on tribal lands through an approved TERA. The regulations also cover processes for implementation of TERAs, including periodic review and evaluation of a tribe's activities under a TERA, enforcement of TERA provisions, and administrative appeals. The regulations also include a process for a tribe to voluntarily rescind a TERA.

**DATES:** The public information meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on April 29, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street, Denver, Colorado.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Darryl Francois, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Room 20-South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20245, Telephone (202) 219-0740 or Fax (202) 208-4564.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, requires the Department of the Interior to promulgate regulations that implement new provisions in 25 U.S.C. 3504 concerning Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERAs). The intent of these agreements is to promote tribal oversight and management of energy and mineral resource development on tribal lands and further the goal of Indian self-determination.

The Department published a final rule in the **Federal Register** titled Tribal Energy Resource Agreements under the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act on March 10, 2008 (73 FR 12808). The rule, which can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 25 CFR Part 224, fully implements the provisions of 25 U.S.C. 3504.

IEED staff will be on hand at the meeting to present an overview of the regulations and to provide information on how tribes can use the processes contained in the regulations in their energy development efforts. At the meeting, IEED staff will discuss topics covering application and agreement requirements, how to define the scope of a TERA, the process for determination of tribal capacity, the

type and range of internal tribal processes that must be developed, appeal processes, and periodic review parameters.

Dated: April 2, 2008.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Alaska OCS Region, North Aleutian Basin, Proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sale 214

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

**ACTION:** Call for Information and Nominations (Call) and Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** This Call for Information and Nominations (hereinafter referred to as "Call") and the NOI are the initial information-gathering steps in a process that incorporates planning and analysis for proposed OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 214 in the program area of the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area offshore the State of Alaska. The program area is that subarea of the larger North Aleutian Basin Planning Area identified in the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2007 to 2012, that may be offered in the proposed Sale 214. Readers are cautioned that this announcement is not a commitment to hold a lease sale but rather a continuation of the information-gathering and evaluation process.

Simultaneously with this Call, the MMS is giving notice of its intent to prepare an EIS for Sale 214 in the North Aleutian Basin, tentatively scheduled for 2011. The EIS analysis will focus on the potential environmental effects of oil and gas exploration, development, and production in the proposed sale area and its vicinity. This NOI also serves to announce the initiation of the scoping process for this EIS. The MMS will consider comments received in response to this NOI and Call in determining the proposed sale area and the scope of the EIS. The Department of the Interior (DOI) is also inviting other Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments to consider becoming cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

**DATES:** Nominations and Comments on the Call must be received no later than July 7, 2008. Submittals should be labeled "Nominations for Proposed Sale

214" or "Comments on Call for Information and Nominations for Proposed Sale 214," as appropriate. Comments on the NOI also must be received no later than July 7, 2008. Submittals should be labeled "Comments on the Notice of Intent for Proposed Sale 214."

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Dr. Cleve Cowles, Regional Supervisor, Office of Leasing and Environment, Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, phone at (907) 334-5233 regarding questions on the Call or NOI.

#### Supplementary Information On the Call

The final EIS will serve as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis for North Aleutian Basin Sale 214. The MMS will prepare additional Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Consistency Determination (CD), CZMA, and Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) documents, as appropriate.

#### Call for Information and Nominations

1. *Authority:* This Call is published pursuant to the OCSLA as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, (1994)) and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR 256); and in accordance with the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2007-2012.

2. *Purpose of Call:* The purpose of the Call is to gather nominations and information for proposed OCS Lease Sale 214, tentatively scheduled in 2011 in the "program area" of the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area.

Information and nominations on oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development and production within the program area of the North Aleutian Basin are sought from all interested parties. This early planning and consultation step is important for ensuring that all interests and concerns are communicated to the DOI for its consideration in future decisions in the leasing process pursuant to the OCSLA and regulations at 30 CFR 256. This Call/NOI is being issued in accordance with the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2007-2012.

This Call is to gather information and does not indicate a preliminary decision to lease in the areas described below. Final decision and delineation of each area for possible leasing will be made at a later date and only if there is compliance with applicable laws including all requirements of the OCSLA and NEPA using established departmental procedures.

3. *Description of Area:* The area that is the subject of this Call is located offshore the State of Alaska in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area. The "program area" is that subarea of the larger planning area identified in OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2007-2012. The "program area" extends offshore from about 10 statute miles to approximately 120 statute miles, in water depths from approximately 40 feet (12 meters) to 120 feet (37 meters). This area consists of approximately 990 whole and partial blocks of about 2.3 million hectares (5.6 million acres). A page size map of the program area accompanies this Call. Official Protraction Diagrams (OPDs) are available at no charge at the website: <http://www.mms.gov/ld/alaska.htm>.

4. *Instructions On Call:* Nominations and information must be received no later than 90 days following publication of this Call in the **Federal Register**. Submittals should indicate "Nominations for Proposed Sale 214" or "Comments on Call for Information and Nominations for Proposed Sale 214" as appropriate. Comments on the NOI also must be received no later than July 7, 2008. Submittals should be labeled "Comments on the Notice of Intent for Proposed Sale 214."

Nominations and comments may be submitted by any one of the following methods:

- Mail or hand-deliver comments to the Regional Supervisor, Office of Leasing and Environment, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823.
- Submit comments by Internet through MMS Public Connect at this website: <https://ocsconnect.mms.gov/pcs-public/>.
- Fax comments to the Regional Supervisor, Office of Leasing and Environment, Alaska OCS Region, Minerals Management Service at (907) 334-5242.
- E-mail comments to [Sale214Call@mms.gov](mailto:Sale214Call@mms.gov).

Please submit e-mail or Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your e-mail or Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail or Internet message, contact us directly at 1-800-764-2627.

The Call for Information Map delineates the Call area identified by MMS as having potential for the discovery of accumulations of oil and gas. Respondents are requested to indicate nominations and comments on