

**Authority**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey**

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**Public Meeting of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) and National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGDPPP) Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the NCGMP and NGDPPP will take place.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1st and 2nd, 2018, from approximately 9:00 a.m. EST to 4:00 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the USGS National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael J. Marketti, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 908, Reston, VA 20192, by email at [mmarketti@usgs.gov](mailto:mmarketti@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 703-648-6976.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552B, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The NCGMP and NGDPPP Federal Advisory Committee will meet to hear updates on progress of the NCGMP towards fulfilling the purposes of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, as well as updates on the NGDPPP towards fulfilling the purposes of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The Committee, comprised of representatives from Federal agencies, State agencies, academic institutions, and private

companies, shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping and data preservation programs.

*Agenda:* Introductions/Update on NGDPPP/Future Planning for NGDPPP and discussion/Update on NCGMP/Future Planning for NCGMP and discussion/other topics to be determined.

*Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations:* The meeting is open to the public on both days from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wanting to receive call-in information or a link to the live stream webcast should contact Michael J. Marketti by email at [mmarketti@usgs.gov](mailto:mmarketti@usgs.gov) to register no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Michael J. Marketti at the email stated above or by telephone at 703-648-6976 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

*Public Disclosure of Comments:* Time will be allowed at the meeting for any individual or organization wishing to make formal oral comments. To allow for full consideration of information by the committee members, written notice must be provided to Michael J. Marketti, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 908, Reston, VA 20192; by email at [mmarketti@usgs.gov](mailto:mmarketti@usgs.gov); or by telephone at 703-648-6976, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to the committee members.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Michael Marketti,**

NCGMP Program Analyst, NCGMP/NGDPPP  
Federal Advisory Committee Administrative  
Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[LLWO310000.L13100000.PP0000.18X; OMB  
Control Number 1004-0034]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Oil and Gas, or Geothermal Resources; Transfers and Assignments**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 24, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM at U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; or by email to [jesonnem@blm.gov](mailto:jesonnem@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0034 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jennifer Spencer by email at [j35spenc@blm.gov](mailto:j35spenc@blm.gov), or by telephone at 202-912-7146. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 26, 2018 (83 FR 3765), and the comment

period ended March 27, 2018. The BLM received no comments. We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Abstract:** This collection of information enables the BLM to process assignments of record title interest and transfers of operating rights in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources. Each assignment or transfer is a contract between private parties but, by law, must be approved by the Secretary. The BLM uses information about assignments and transfers to prevent unlawful extraction of mineral resources, to ensure prompt payment of rentals and royalties for the rights obtained under a Federal lease, and to ensure that leases are not encumbered with agreements that cause the minerals to be uneconomical to produce, resulting in lost revenues to the Federal Government. The information also enables the BLM to ensure the assignee or transferee is in compliance with the bonding requirements, when necessary, before approval of the transfer or assignment.

**Title of Collection:** Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources: Transfers and Assignments.

**OMB Control Number:** 1004-0034.

**Form Numbers:** 3000-3 and 3000-3a.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Assignors and assignees of record title interest in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources; and transferors and transferees of operating rights

(sublease) in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 17,626.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 17,626.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 8,813.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** \$1,674,470.

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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

**Jean Sonneman,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[LLWO31000.L13100000.PB0000.18X; OMB Control Number 1004-0185]**

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Drainage Protection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 25, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; or by email to [jesonnem@blm.gov](mailto:jesonnem@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0185 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jennifer Spencer by email at [j35spenc@blm.gov](mailto:j35spenc@blm.gov), or by telephone at 202-912-7146.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Abstract:** The BLM collects information under control number 1004-0185 in order to monitor and enforce compliance with drainage protection and other requirements pertaining to Federal and Indian oil and gas leasing and operations (except on the Osage Reservation). Collecting the information is necessary for compliance with several statutes, including the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (30 U.S.C. 1701-1758).

**Title of Collection:** Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Drainage Protection.

**OMB Control Number:** 1004-0185.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Onshore Federal and Indian oil and gas lessees (except on the Osage