

proposed withdrawal and possible land use plan amendments in addition to the five meetings identified by DOE in its Notice of Intent (69 FR 18565–18569 and 69 FR 22496). The locations of all seven meetings are referenced in this notice.

**DATES:** Those who have comments on the proposed withdrawal and possible amendments to the land use plans must respond in writing no later than June 30, 2004. Comments received after June 30,

2004, will be considered to the extent practicable. The BLM will hold public scoping meetings on the proposed withdrawal and possible land use plan amendments at the dates and locations listed below in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments on issues regarding the proposed withdrawal and possible land use plan amendments and planning criteria to Dan Netcher, Ely Field Office, BLM,

HC33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301–9408.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Netcher, Ely Field Office, BLM, HC33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301–9408, 775–289–1872.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public scoping meetings for the DOE Rail Alignment EIS, proposed withdrawal, and BLM Land Use Plan amendments in June are shown below.

Meeting date	Location	Time
June 22, 2004 .....	Tonopah Convention Center, 301 W. Brougher, Tonopah, NV.	1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
June 23, 2004 .....	Lincoln County Court House, 1 North Main, Pioche, NV.	1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The DOE sponsored five public meetings in Nevada at which BLM representatives were present. Those meetings were in Armagosa Valley on May 3, in Goldfield on May 4, in Caliente on May 5, in Reno on May 12, and in Las Vegas on May 17. All comments received at the DOE meetings will be considered along with those provided at the BLM scoping meetings. If you have already attended one of these meetings, there is no need to attend a subsequent meeting, unless you desire to provide additional comments. Persons attending the meetings in Tonopah or Pioche may choose to attend either the afternoon or evening sessions.

The DOE has filed an application (NVN 77880) to withdraw a one-mile wide corridor which contains 308,600 acres in Esmeralda, Nye, and Lincoln Counties. A notice of proposed withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 74965–74968, December 29, 2003). This withdrawal approximates the land encompassed by the Caliente rail corridor as described in the DOE’s Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada, February 2002. The purpose of the withdrawal is to evaluate the land for the potential construction and operation of a branch rail line for the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The DOE issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for the Alignment, Construction, and Operation of a Rail Line to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (69 FR 18565–18569, April 8, 2004) announcing public scoping meetings at

the times and locations referenced in this notice. The BLM is a cooperating agency in the EIS.

The BLM may need to amend the Caliente Management Framework Plan, Schell Management Framework Plan, Tonopah Resource Management Plan, and the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan to address the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a branch rail line. All land use decisions associated with the potential construction, operation, and maintenance of a rail line will be developed through the land use planning amendment process. In addition to the proposed withdrawal, this notice adds land use planning as an issue to the scoping being conducted by the DOE and the BLM.

Additional options for the rail corridor could include the issuance of a Title V right-of-way for the operation of the rail line. Under this alternative the BLM would issue a right-of-way for the development and operation of the rail line.

**Public Involvement**

Release of the draft amendments to the Caliente Management Framework Plan, Schell Management Framework Plan, Tonopah Resource Management Plan and the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan will be announced in the local news media, as well as the **Federal Register**, as these dates are established.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1610.2(c); 43 CFR 2310.3–1(c)(2))

Dated: May 4, 2004.

**Amy L. Lueders,**

*Associate State Director, Nevada.*

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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 extension of a currently approved information collection (1010–0114).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 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. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, Subpart A, General.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by July 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Blundon, Rules Processing Team at (703) 787–1600. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart A, General.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010–0114.  
*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.

Section 1332(6) of the OCS Lands Act requires that "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well trained personnel using technology, precautions, and other techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstructions to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property or endanger life or health." This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to MMS. To carry out these responsibilities, MMS has issued regulations for leasing and operations on the OCS. The ICR to be submitted to OMB for review and approval concerns the reporting and recordkeeping

elements of the 30 CFR 250, Subpart A, General regulations and related Notices to Lessees and Operators.

Federal policy and statutes require us to recover the cost of services that confer special benefits to identifiable non-Federal recipients. Section 250.165 requires a State lessee to pay a fee when applying for a right-of-use and easement on the OCS. The Independent Offices Appropriation Act (31 U.S.C. 9701), OMB Circular A-25, and the Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-133, 110 Stat. 1321, April 26, 1996) authorize agencies to collect these fees to reimburse us for the cost to process applications or assessments. This fee is the same as that required for filing pipeline right-of-way applications as specified in § 250.1010(a).

The MMS OCS Regions use the information collected under Subpart A to ensure that formal crane operator and rigger training, inspections, testing and maintenance are carried out; that all new and existing cranes installed on OCS fixed platforms must be equipped with anti-two block safety devices; to assure that uniform methods are employed by lessees for load testing of cranes; and that operations on the OCS are carried out in a safe and pollution-free manner, do not interfere with the rights of other users on the OCS, and balance the development of OCS resources with the protection of the environment.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.196, "Data and information to be made available to the public." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

*Frequency:* The frequency varies by section, but is generally "on occasion."

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 1 State and 130 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* The currently approved "hour" burden for this information collection is 22,727 hours (we have recently combined the Information Collection burden for Subpart A, General with 22,467 hours and Subpart A—Crane Requirements (1010-0146) with 260 burden hours into this renewal). The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. 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 250 Subpart A and related forms/NTLs	Reporting or recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden
104; Form MMS-1832	Appeal orders or decisions; appeal INCs	Burden included with 30 CFR 290 (1010-0121).
109(a); 110	Submit welding, burning, and hot tapping plans	2
115; 116	Request determination of well 3 producibility; submit data & information; notify MMS of test.	2
118; 119; 121; 124	Apply for injection or subsurface storage of gas	10
130-133; Form MMS-1832	Submit "green" response copy of form MMS-1832 indicating date violations (INCs) corrected.	2
	Request reconsideration from issuance of an INC	1/2
	Request waiver of 14-day response time	1/2
	Notify MMS before returning to operations if shut-in	1/4
133	Request reimbursement for food, quarters, and transportation provided to MMS representatives (OCS Lands Act specifies reimbursement; no requests received in many years; minimal burden).	1
135 MMS internal process	Submit PIP under MMS implementing procedures for enforcement actions	40
140	Request various oral approvals not specifically covered elsewhere in regulatory requirements.	1/4
141	Request approval to use new or alternative procedures, including BAST not specifically covered elsewhere in regulatory requirements.	20
142	Request approval of departure from operating requirements not specifically covered elsewhere in regulatory requirements.	2
143; 144; 145; Form MMS-1123.	Submit designation of operator & report change of address or notice of termination; submit designation of local agent.	1/4
150; 151; 152; 154(a)	Name and identify facilities, etc., with signs	2
150; 154(b)	Name and identify wells with signs	1
160; 161	OCS lessees: Apply for new or modified right of use and easement to construct and maintain off-lease platforms, artificial islands, and installations and other devices; including notifications.	5
165	State lessees: Apply for new or modified right-of-use and easement to construct and maintain off-lease platforms, artificial islands, and installations and other devices.	5

Citation 30 CFR 250 Subpart A and related forms/NTLs	Reporting or recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden
166 .....	State lessees: Furnish surety bond .....	Burden included with 30 CFR 256 (1010-0006). 10
168; 170; 171; 172; 174; 175; 177; 180(b), (d).	Request suspension of operations or production; submit schedule of work leading to commencement. Submit progress reports on SOO or SOP as condition of approval .....	2
177(a) .....	Conduct site-specific study; submit results. No instances requiring this study in several years—could be necessary if a situation occurred such as severe damage to a platform or structure caused by a hurricane or a vessel collision.	80
177(b), (c), (d); 182; 183, 185; 194.	Various references to submitting new, revised, or modified exploration plan, development/production plan, or development/operations coordination document, and related surveys/reports.	Burden included with 30 CFR 250, Subpart B (1010-0049).
180(a), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) .....	Notify and submit report on various leaseholding operations and lease production activities.	1/2
180(a), (b), (c) .....	When requested, submit production data to demonstrate production in paying quantities to maintain lease beyond primary term.	6
180(e) .....	Request more than 180 days to resume operations .....	3
181(d); 182(b), in 183(b)(2) ..	Request termination of suspension and cancellation of lease (no requests recent years for termination/cancellation of a lease; minimal burden).	20
184 .....	Request compensation for lease cancellation mandated by the OCS Lands Act (no qualified lease cancellations in many years; minimal burden compared to benefit).	50
190 .....	Submit requests, applications, and notices under various regulations .....	20
191 .....	Report accidents, deaths, serious injuries, fires, explosions and blowouts .....	7
191(a) .....	Report spills of oil .....	Burden included with 30 CFR 254 (1010-0091).
192; Form MMS-132 .....	Daily report of evacuation statistics for natural occurrence/hurricane (form MMS-132 in the GOMR) when circumstances warrant.	1
193 .....	Report apparent violations or non-compliance .....	1 1/2
194 NTL exception requests ..	Request departures from conducting exception archaeological resources surveys and/or submitting reports in GOMR.	1
194(c) .....	Report archaeological discoveries (only one instance in many years; minimal burden).	1
195 .....	Submit data/information for post-lease G&G activity and request reimbursement ...	Burden included with 30 CFR 251 (1010-0048).
101-199 .....	General departure or alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in Subpart A.	2

**Recordkeeping Requirements**

108(e) .....	Retain records of design and construction for life of crane, including installation records for any anti-two block safety devices; all inspection, testing, and maintenance for at 4 years; crane operator and all rigger personnel qualifications 4 years.	262
109(b) .....	Retain welding, burning, and hot tapping plan and approval for the life of the facility.	1/2
132(b)(3) .....	Make available all records related to inspections not specifically covered elsewhere in regulatory requirements.	1

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost”*

**Burden:** The currently approved annual non-hour cost burden is an application filing fee (\$2,350), which is required in § 250.165. This is the only paperwork cost burden identified for the Subpart A regulations.

**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:** 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.

Agencies must also estimate the “non-hour cost” burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. The

application fee discussed previously is the only identified non-hour cost burdens for the information collection aspects of 30 CFR 250, Subpart A. Therefore, 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, and record storage facilities. You should

not include estimates for 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 submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

**Public Comment Policy:** MMS's practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. MMS will honor this request to the extent allowable by law; however, anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**MMS Federal Register Liaison Officer:**  
Denise Johnson (202) 208-3976.

Dated: May 11, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Lake Mead National Recreation Area; Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Availability of environmental assessment.

**SUMMARY:** Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NRA) will release for public review an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the construction and operation of a wireless telecommunication facility. Cingular Wireless has proposed to construct the facility, referred to as the Saddle Cove site, near the Boulder Maintenance Facility within Lake Mead NRA, a unit of the National Park System. The overall objective of the project is to serve the public interest by providing improved wireless cellular coverage to the area. In order to provide coverage to a sufficient area, new facilities must be located

within a search ring so that calls can hand off from existing facilities to the new ones without being lost. The proposed site, which is located in a developed area, is approximately 40' x 40' in size, and the proposed facility will include a small building and 120-foot lattice tower mounted with microwave dishes and several antennas.

**DATES:** The EA will be released for public review on or before June 15, 2004. Written comments must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2004. Copies of the document can be requested from the Office of the Superintendent, or the document can be viewed online at <http://www.nps.gov/lame/pphtml/documents.html>.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed to Superintendent, Lake Mead NRA, 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005, or submitted by e-mail on the park's Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/lame/pphtml/contact.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Boyles, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, (702) 293-8978.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Cingular Wireless worked in cooperation with the National Park Service to prepare the EA. Public scoping occurred between March 15 and April 15, 2004. The park prepared a press release for local media outlets and the park website to announce Cingular's proposal and the intent to prepare an EA. One comment was received, supporting the project based on the increased safety associated with cellular phone coverage.

The park will use the EA and the comments it receives from the public in making its decision as to whether, and under what conditions, to grant the applicant's request for a right-of-way permit for the telecommunications facility. The applicant pays for the processing of the application and, if it is approved, the applicant will pay fair market value for the use of the land. Approval of the request would result in the construction of a 120-foot lattice tower, mounted with a microwave dish and several antennas. Associated equipment would be located in a shelter approximately 10' by 16' in size near the base of the tower. Approximately 290 feet of trenching would be necessary to connect the proposed facility to existing utilities. The total area of the site is approximately 40' by 40'. Access to the site would require grading a 45 foot long road to connect the site to an existing powerline road. The site will be constructed in an area previously disturbed by the construction of Boulder Beach Filtration Plant, Ranger Station,

and Maintenance Yard, which are located nearby.

The EA will address impacts to soils and vegetation, wildlife, air quality, scenic quality, cultural resources, visitor experience, safety, and land use. Biological surveys found no threatened or endangered species in the project area. The EA will be sent to agencies, organizations, and individuals on the park's mailing list, and to others who request a copy. Copies of the EA can be requested by writing to the Superintendent, 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005, or the document can be viewed online at <http://www.nps.gov/lame/pphtml/documents.html>.

Dated: May 5, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Mammoth Cave National Park; Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** (Authority: 16 U.S.C. 3; 16 U.S.C. 5; 16 U.S.C. 79; Director's Order 53). Mammoth Cave National Park will release for public review the Environmental Assessment regarding placement of a wireless telecommunication facility (WTF). Kentucky RSA #3 Cellular General Partnership d/b/a Bluegrass Cellular has proposed to construct a telecommunications facility (WTF) at the Hickory Cabin Fire Tower site within Mammoth Cave National Park, a unit of the National Park Service. It is the responsibility of Mammoth Cave National Park and the purpose of the Environmental Assessment to evaluate the impacts of the proposed wireless telecommunication facility on the park environs. The Environmental Assessment addresses the proposed placement and one alternative placement of the Wireless Telecommunication facility within the park.

**DATES:** The Environmental Assessment will be released in June 2004 and will be available for public review for at least 30 days at the Office of the Superintendent and online at the Mammoth Cave National Park Web site <http://www.nps.gov/maca/pphtml/documents.html>.