

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****U.S. Geological Survey****Open Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information**

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting of the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ACWI. This meeting is to discuss broad policy-related topics relating to national water initiatives, and the development and dissemination of water information, through reports from ACWI subgroups. The agenda will include updates from ACWI's various subcommittees; discussion of a new Climate Workgroup that is being formed; a report on the National Monitoring Conference, which was held earlier this year in Portland, Oregon; a demonstration of new features that will be released later in the summer for the U.S. Geological Survey's National Water Information System; an update on the National Ground Water Monitoring Network Data Portal; a report on the Hydrologic Frequency Analysis Work Group's progress on revising Bulletin 17B, Guidelines For Determining Flood Flow Frequency; and a demonstration of a new component of the National Environmental Methods Index that provides better access to statistical and assessment methods for water quality.

The ACWI was established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government on activities and plans that may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs. Member organizations help to foster communications between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on sharing water information.

Membership, limited to 35 organizations, represents a wide range of water resources interests and functions. Representation on the ACWI includes all levels of government, academia, private industry, and professional and technical societies. For more information on the ACWI, its membership, subgroups, meetings and activities, please see the Web site at: <http://ACWI.gov>.

**DATES:** The formal meeting will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on July 10, 2012, and from 9:00 a.m. until

4:30 p.m. on July 11, 2011 (times are Eastern Daylight Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport, located at 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon, Virginia 20171. The meeting will also be accessible by teleconference and WebEx. There will also be a teleconference line and a WebEx internet link available for the use of those who cannot attend in person. Information on the teleconference and WebEx is available on the ACWI Web site at: <http://acwi.gov/acwi-minutes/acwi2012/>  
[ACWI\\_July\\_2012\\_DRAFT\\_agenda.pdf](#)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Wendy E. Norton, ACWI Executive Secretary and Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 417, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703-648-6810; Fax: 703-648-5644; email: [wennorton@usgs.gov](mailto:wennorton@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public. Up to a half hour will be set aside for public comment. Persons wishing to make a brief presentation (up to 5 minutes) are asked to provide a written request with a description of the general subject to Ms. Norton at the above address no later than July 6, 2012. It is requested that 65 copies of a written statement be submitted at the time of the meeting for distribution to members of the ACWI and placement in the official file. Any member of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Ms. Norton for distribution at the ACWI meeting.

Dated: June 20, 2012.

**Wendy Norton,**  
Chief, Water Information Coordination Program.

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

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**Renewal of Approved Information Collection**

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

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites public comments on, and plans to request approval to continue, the collection of information pertaining to Federal and

Indian oil and gas leasing and drainage protection (except on the Osage Reservation). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has assigned control number 1004-0185 to this information collection.

**DATES:** Submit comments on the proposed information collection by August 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail.

*Mail:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

*Fax:* to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

*Electronic mail:*

[Jean\\_Sonneman@blm.gov](mailto:Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov).

Please indicate "Attn: 1004-0185" regardless of the form of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donnie Shaw, Division of Fluid Minerals, at 202-912-7155. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, to leave a message for Mr. Shaw.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies an information collection that the BLM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act 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.

The BLM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany our submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

**Title:** Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Drainage Protection (43 CFR Parts 3100, 3120, and 3150, and Subpart 3162).

**Forms:** This is a nonform collection.

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

**Abstract:** The BLM proposes to extend the currently approved collection of information. The collection enables the BLM to monitor and enforce compliance with requirements pertaining to:

1. Statutory acreage limitations;
2. Waiver, suspension, or reduction of rental or royalty payments;
3. Various types of agreements, contracts, consolidations and combinations;

4. Subsurface storage of oil and gas;
5. Transfers, name changes, and corporate mergers;
6. Lease renewal, relinquishment, termination, and cancellation;
7. Leasing under railroads and certain other types of rights-of-way;
8. Lands available for competitive leasing; and
9. Drainage protection.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion, except for Option Statements (43 CFR 3100.3-3), which must be filed within 90 days after June 30 and December 31 of each year. All responses under this control number are required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents Annually:** 2,484 Federal and Indian oil and gas lessees, operators, record title owners, and holders of options to acquire an interest in Federal or Indian leases.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden Annually:** 6,689 hours.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden Annually:** \$110,478.

The following table details the individual components and respective hour burdens of this information collection request:

Type of response	Number of responses	Hours per response	Total hours (Column B × Column C)
A.	B.	C.	D.
Notice of option holdings 43 CFR 3100.3-1(b) .....	30	1	30
Option statement 43 CFR 3100.3-3 .....	50	1	50
Proof of acreage reduction 43 CFR 3101.2-4(a) .....	10	1	10
Excess acreage petition 43 CFR 3101.2-4(a) .....	10	1	10
Ad hoc acreage statement 43 CFR 3101.2-6 .....	10	1	10
Joinder evidence statement 43 CFR 3101.3-1 .....	50	1	50
Waiver, suspension, or reduction of rental or royalty 43 CFR 3103.4-1 .....	20	1	20
Communitization or drilling agreements 43 CFR 3105.2 .....	150	1	150
Operating, drilling, or development contracts interest statement 43 CFR 3105.3 .....	50	1	50
Joint operations, transportation of oil application 43 CFR 3105.4 .....	20	1	20
Subsurface storage application 43 CFR 3105.5 .....	50	1	50
Consolidation of leases 43 CFR 3105.6 .....	1	1	1
Heirs and devisees statement 43 CFR 3106.8-1 .....	40	1	40
Change of name report 43 CFR 3106.8-2 .....	60	1	60
Corporate merger notice 43 CFR 3106.8-3 .....	100	1	100
Lease renewal application 43 CFR 3107.8 .....	30	1	30
Relinquishment 43 CFR 3108.1 .....	150	0.5	75
Class I reinstatement petition 43 CFR 3108.2-2 .....	87	1	87
Class II reinstatement petition 43 CFR 3108.2-3 .....	59	18	1,062
Class III reinstatement petition 43 CFR 3108.2-4 .....	7	1	7
Application for lease under right-of-way 43 CFR 3109.1 .....	20	1	20
Lands available for competitive leasing 43 CFR 3120.1-1(e) .....	280	2.5	700
Protests and appeals 43 CFR 3120.1-3 .....	90	1.5	135
Preliminary drainage protection report 43 CFR 3162.2-9 .....	1,000	2	2,000
Detailed drainage protection report 43 CFR 3162.2-9 .....	100	8	800
Additional drainage protection report 43 CFR 3162.2-9 .....	10	8	80
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>5,647</b>

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.

**Jean Sonneman,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in

the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, on July 27, 2012.

**DATES:** Protests of the survey must be filed before July 27, 2012 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests of the survey should be sent to the Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone (406) 896-5124 or (406) 896-5009, [Marvin\\_Montoya@blm.gov](mailto:Marvin_Montoya@blm.gov).