DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment;
Comment Request on Burden Related to the Enhanced Oil Recovery Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the burden associated with a qualified enhanced oil recovery project.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Ronald J. Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Enhanced Oil Recovery Project.

OMB Number: 1545-1292.
Regulation Project Number: TD 8448.

Abstract: For purpose of section 43 of the Code, this document provides final regulations relating to the enhanced oil recovery credit for certain costs that are paid or incurred in connection with a qualified enhanced oil recovery project. Changes to the applicable law were made by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. These final regulations provide the public with guidance in determining the costs that are subject to the credit, the circumstances under which the credit is available, and the procedures whereby a project is certified as a qualified enhanced oil recovery project.

Current Actions: As of September 20, 2019, Form 8830 has been made a historical product since the enhanced oil recovery claimed on this form is completely phased out. This will decrease the number of responses by 1,550 and annual burden by 11,067 hours. This request is being submitted for renewal purposes.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 73 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,460.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly
interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: June 18, 2020.

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