

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

1. Authority

The NOI is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (42 USC 4321 et seq. (1988))(NEPA).

2. Purpose of Notice of Intent

Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA, the MMS is announcing its intent to prepare a multi-sale EIS on the tentatively scheduled 1998–2002 oil and gas leasing proposals in the CGOM, off the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The NOI also serves to announce the scoping process that will be followed for this EIS. Throughout the scoping process, Federal Agencies and State and local governments and other interested parties have the opportunity to aid the MMS in determining the significant issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS.

The EIS analysis will focus on the potential environmental effects of leasing, exploration, and development of the blocks included in the areas defined in the Area Identification procedure as the proposed areas of the Federal actions. Alternatives to the proposals which may be considered for each sale are to delay the sale, cancel the sale, or modify the sale.

3. New EIS procedure

MMS is proposing to prepare a single EIS for all five CGOM sales in the proposed 1998–2002 period. The resource estimates and scenario information on which the EIS analyses are based will be presented as a range of resources and activities that would encompass any of the five proposed sales in the CGOM.

The proposal will provide several benefits. It will focus the NEPA process by making impact types and levels that change between sales more easily recognizable. New issues will be more easily highlighted for the decision-makers and public. For sales after 1998, the process will allow for presale planning that spans only one year, rather than the current two-year process which causes confusion because of the overlap in planning for sales in successive years and makes it difficult for the decisionmaker, industry, and the public to keep track of which sale process is being referred to for any given decision point. It will also eliminate the repetitive issuance of a complete EIS for each sale, a practice that has resulted in

“review burnout” in Federal, State, and local governments, and the public.

The proposed actions analyzed in the EIS will be each of the sales on the 5-year schedule for the central Gulf of Mexico planning area. The EIS will include an analysis of the environmental effects of holding one sale, a sale “typical” of any in the planning area, which may be held in the remainder of the 5-year program. The scenario will cover a range of resources and activities that will encompass any of the four follow-up proposed actions. Later sales can then be compared to the initial analysis in an environmental assessment or supplemental environmental impact statement. Formal consultation with the public will be initiated in subsequent years to obtain input to assist in the determination of whether or not the information and analyses in the original multisale EIS are still valid. An Information Request would be issued that will specifically describe the action for which we are requesting input.

4. Instructions on NOI to Prepare an EIS

Federal Agencies and State and local governments and other interested parties are requested to send their written comments on the scope of the EIS, significant issues which should be addressed, and alternatives that should be considered to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, at the address stated under “Description of Area.” Comments should be enclosed in an envelope labeled “Comments on the NOI to Prepare an EIS on the proposed 1998–2002 Lease Sales in the Central Gulf of Mexico.” Comments on the NOI should be submitted no later than 45 days from publication of this Notice. Scoping meetings will be held in appropriate locations to obtain additional comments and information regarding the scope of the EIS.

Dated: July 26, 1996.

Cynthia Quarterman,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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National Park Service

Comprehensive Management and Use Plan, Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, California and Arizona; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91–190 as amended), the National Park Service,

Department of the Interior, has prepared a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) assessing the potential impacts of the proposed Comprehensive Management and Use Plan for the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, a 1200-mile trail in California and Arizona.

The proposal (alternative D), which is the National Park Service's comprehensive management and use plan for the trail, calls for marking the historic route, identifies an auto route, and envisions a continuous multi-use recreational retracement trail. The National Park Service (NPS) will take an active role in administrative oversight of the trail by helping protect a trail right-of-way and historic, cultural, and natural resources associated with the trail. The NPS will certify eligible sites and segments and provide leadership of state, regional, and local governments, private landowners, organizations, corporations, and individuals to create a continuous and unified trail. The NPS will form partnerships with nonprofit groups supporting the Anza Trail. Interpretive programs and a system of wayside exhibits will enhance visitor opportunities along the route. A planned promotional and tourism program will increase visitor awareness of American Indian and Spanish colonial cultures and history related to the Anza expeditions to Alta (Upper) California.

The other alternatives include No Action (alternative AA), Single Theme (alternative A), Multi-theme (alternative B), and Broad Outreach (alternative C). Alternative AA represents what would happen if there were no national trail. Alternative A would limit trail recognition and resource protection to federal lands and state parks and focus interpretation on only the 1775–76 Anza trek. Trail uses would be limited to those of the original expedition. Management would emphasize volunteers, and the National Park Service would play a minor administrative role. Alternative B is similar to the proposal but would not include the promotional aspects. Alternative C is similar to the proposal, but would broaden the interpretive themes to the overlay of history along the trail route from prehistory to the present and would include points of interest associated with the trail corridor.

The environmental consequences of the proposed action and alternatives were addressed in the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and are presented with modifications in this FEIS. The public review period for the DEIS ended March 1, 1995.

Responses to public and agency comment on the DEIS are included in the FEIS. This programmatic FEIS considers impacts to cultural resources, natural resources, and the socioeconomic environment. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated.

DATES: The no-action period for the plan will commence when the Environmental Protection Agency formally announces the availability of the FEIS in the Federal Register, and end 30 days thereafter.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries and comments on the FEIS should be directed to: Superintendent, Pacific Great Basin System Support Office, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94107, Attention: Meredith Kaplan. The telephone number for further information is (415) 744-3968.

Copies of the plan and FEIS are available at the Pacific Great Basin System Support Office at the above address. Copies are also available for inspection at libraries located in cities along the Anza Trail route.

Dated: July 22, 1996.
Patricia L. Neubachen,
Acting Field Director, Pacific West Area.
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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Hearing of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure

AGENCY: Judicial Conference of the United States, Advisory Committee on Rules of Appellate Procedure.

ACTION: Notice of Cancellation of Open Hearing.

SUMMARY: The Appellate Rules Committee public hearing scheduled to be held in Denver, Colorado on August 2, 1996, has been canceled. [Original notice of hearing appeared in the Federal Register of May 24, 1996 (61 FR 26207).]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

John K. Rabiej, Chief, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 273-1820.

Dated: July 26, 1996.
John K. Rabiej,
Chief, Rules Committee Support Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a Consent Decree in *United States v. Cumberland Farms, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 91-10051-MLW (D. Mass.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on July 25, 1996.

The Consent Decree concerns alleged violations of section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), resulting from the defendants' discharge of fill material into wetlands without a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Cumberland Farms, Inc. and other parties unlawfully filled freshwater wetlands to create approximately 176 acres of cranberry beds at three separate sites in Hanson and Halifax, Massachusetts. Under the Consent Decree, Cumberland Farms, Inc. will pay a \$50,000 civil penalty, establish a 30 acre wildlife and wetlands corridor, and transfer 225 acres of property to the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement for conservation purposes.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to James W. Rubin, Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Policy, Legislation and Special Litigation Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 4390, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-4390, and should refer to *United States v. Cumberland Farms, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 91-10051-MLW (D. Mass.).

The Consent Judgment may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, J.W. McCormack Post Office and Court House, 90 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109.

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Acting Chief, Environmental Defense Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.
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Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated March 15, 1996, and published in the Federal Register on March 27, 1996, (61 FR 13518), High Standard Products, 1100 W. Florence Avenue, #8, Inglewood, California 90301, made application to the Drug

Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Methaqualone (2565)	I
Lysergic acid diethylamide (7315)	I
Tetrahydrocannabinols (7370)	I
3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine (7400)	I
3,4-Methylenedioxy-N-ethylamphetamine (7404)	I
3,4-Methylenedioxyamphetamine (7405)	I
4-Methoxyamphetamine (7411)	I
Heroin (9200)	I
Normorphine (9313)	I
3-Methylfentanyl (9813)	I
Amphetamine (1100)	II
Methamphetamine (1105)	II
Phencyclidine (7471)	II
Cocaine (9041)	II
Codeine (9050)	II
Diphenoxylate (9170)	II
Benzoylcgonine (9180)	II
Hydrocodone (9193)	II
Methadone (9250)	II
Morphine (9300)	II
Fentanyl (9801)	II

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of High Standard Products to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 823 and 28 U.S.C. 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed above is granted.

Dated: July 25, 1996.
Gene R. Haislip,
Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.
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