

DATES: Interim protective management on public lands along this 41-mile river corridor will exist for a period not exceeding 5 years from the date of this notice or until such time as a final decision has been made, whichever occurs first.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may obtain more information by writing to the District Manager, Canon City District, 3170 East Main St., Canon City, CO 81212 or the Area Manager, San Luis Resource Area, 1921 State Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Manager at (719) 589-4975.

Donnie R. Sparks,

District Manager.

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Minerals Management Service

Public Hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of dates and locations of public hearings on the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002.

On February 9, 1996, the Minerals Management Service announced in the Federal Register (Notice 61 FR 28) the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the "Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002." The notice indicated that the dates, times, and locations of public hearings on the draft EIS would be announced at a later date. This notice provides that information.

The purpose of these hearings is to receive specific comments on the adequacy of the draft EIS and to provide the Secretary of the Interior with additional information from both public and private sectors to help evaluate fully the potential environmental effects of the proposed program.

The public hearings are scheduled for the following dates and times at the following locations:

March 21, 1996

Borough Assembly Chambers, Barrow, Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

A teleconference will be held with the villages of Pt. Hope, Point Lay,

Wainwright, Kaktovik, and Nuiqsut simultaneously with the Barrow Hearing.

March 26, 1996

Wyndham Warwick Hotel, 5701 Main Street, Houston, Texas, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 27, 1996

MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Office, 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd., Rm. 115, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 28, 1996

Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 28, 1996

City Council Chambers, Homer Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

April 3, 1996

Yakutat High School Auditorium, Yakutat, Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

April 9, 1996

MMS Alaska Region Conference Room, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, 12:00 noon, Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627.

A teleconference will be held with the communities of Cordova Kenai/Soldotna, Ninilchik, Port Graham/Nanwalek, and Seldovia simultaneously with the Anchorage Hearing.

April 11, 1996

City Hall, Kivalina, Alaska, 1:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627.

Interested individuals, representatives of organizations, and public officials who wish to testify at the hearings are requested to contact the person listed above for the particular location at least 5 days prior to the hearings. A hearing officer will be in charge at each hearing site. Time limitations may make it necessary to limit the length of each oral presentation to 10 minutes or less. An oral statement may be supplemented, however, by a more complete statement which should be submitted to the hearing officer at the time of the oral presentation. After the presentation of oral statements by those who have preregistered, if time is still available during the period of time listed for the hearings, other individuals will be given

an opportunity to be heard. Each hearing will begin at the specified time and will recess when all speakers have had an opportunity to testify. If there are no additional speakers, the hearing will adjourn immediately after the recess.

Written comments on the draft EIS, including comments from individuals unable to present oral statements or to attend the hearings, will be accepted until May 9, 1996. All written comments should be mailed to Director, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, MS-4320, Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817, Attention: Richard Wildermann. Hand deliveries to the Department of the Interior may be made to Room 4227 Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240. Envelopes or packages should be marked "1997-2002 Oil and Gas Program draft EIS."

After the public hearing testimony and written comments on the draft EIS have been reviewed and analyzed, a final EIS will be prepared. The comment period for the draft EIS closes May 9, 1996.

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Thomas Gernhofer,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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De Minimis Amount for Recoupments on Federal Offshore Mineral Leases

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amount.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes the amount below which a royalty payor is not required to follow the statutory recoupment procedures. The Minerals Management Service (MMS) issued regulations governing recoupment of overpayments on Federal offshore mineral leases. Those regulations provide that MMS will publish a notice establishing de minimis amounts where it is not cost effective to process the recoupment request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randall Drake, Financial Compliance Branch, Compliance Verification Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS-3670, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3139, fax number (303) 231-3372.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Royalty Management Program of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) established regulations at 30 CFR Part 230 (59 FR 38365, July 28, 1994,

effective August 29, 1994) implementing Section 10 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. § 1339.

Section 10 requires that requests for refunds or credits of excess payments on Federal offshore leases be authorized only if (1) a request for refund or credit is filed within 2 years after the making of the payment, and (2) 30 days expire after both Houses of Congress are notified of the refund request, 43 U.S.C. § 1339.

In the regulations, MMS identified certain transactions not subject to Section 10. Under one of those exceptions, the regulations at 30 CFR § 230.461(h) permit payors to file credit adjustments for de minimis amounts without filing requests for refunds with MMS. Those rules provide that MMS periodically will publish in the Federal Register what the de minimis threshold is. By Federal Register notice (60 FR 20504) dated April 26, 1995, the threshold was established at \$250. Based on the cost experience for fiscal year 1995, MMS is increasing the de minimis threshold to \$2,500. From recent experience, this would reduce the number of refund requests MMS processes from 1900 to 900 annually. It also should be recognized that the \$2,500 de minimis threshold is applicable only to OCS leases which produce large volumes of oil and gas relative to onshore leases.

Under these procedures, payors may make credit adjustments for \$2,500 or less for each Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease and report month without filing a request with MMS. A credit adjustment for a lease within a unit may exceed \$2,500 of credits during 1 report month, provided the net credit adjustment for that month considering all positive and negative adjustments for leases in the unit is less than \$2,500. For example, if leases A and B are part of a unit, a payor may submit a credit adjustment of \$10,000 for lease A and a payment of \$8,000 for lease B within the same report month. Since the two leases within the unit net to a credit of \$2,000, the payor is within the de minimis amount. As provided by the regulations, the overpayment recoupments must be made within 2 years of the date MMS received the payment.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

James W. Shaw,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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Electronic Data Interchange in the Royalty Management Program

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an EDI presentation.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is giving an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) presentation in Houston, Texas, on March 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Barbara Y. Matthews, Systems Management Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165 MS 3140, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone numbers (800) 619-4593, (303) 275-7036, fax number (303) 275-7099 or e-mail Barbara Matthews@smt.mms.gov.

DATES: The EDI presentation is Thursday, March 21, 1996.

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Houston, 1200 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas, 77002, Phone Number: 713-654-1234.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MMS is offering an EDI presentation at no cost to companies and interested parties that intend to implement or pilot EDI with MMS. The EDI presentation will be held in conjunction with the American Petroleum Institute (API), Petroleum Industry Data Exchange (PIDX) REGS Work Group meeting in Houston, Texas. The API PIDX REGS Work Group meeting is scheduled for March 19-21, 1996.

Instructors are MMS employees of the Royalty Management Program, System Management Division.

AGENDA: Morning Session 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Subject: MMS EDI activities, capabilities, current status and implementation planning and schedules. Afternoon Session 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Subject: EDI technical issues related to mapping and electronic exchange of regulatory data, and funds transmittal with MMS via EDI.

All EDI Presentation attendees will be provided copies of the current MMS EDI Implementation Guides.

If you are planning to attend this EDI Presentation, please leave a message for Barbara Matthews at the telephone and FAX numbers in the information contact section of this notice no later than March 13, 1996.

Dated: February 16, 1996.

James W. Shaw,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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National Park Service

Indian Memorial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a scheduled meeting of the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument Advisory Committee (a.k.a. Indian Memorial Advisory Committee). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

MEETING DATE AND TIME: March 19-21, 1996, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on 03/19/96, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on 03/20/96, and 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on 03/21/96.

ADDRESSES: Doubletree Club Hotel Denver West, 137 Union Blvd., Lakewood, Colorado 80228. (303) 969-9900.

AGENDA: Introduction/opening remarks, administrivia, minutes from last meeting, discuss follow-up actions from last meeting, review of design competition language/draft text of competition document, set design competition timetable, discuss fund-raising strategy and promotional materials. The meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited, and persons will be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis. Any member of the public may file a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed with: Superintendent, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, P.O. Box 39, Crow Agency, Montana 59022, telephone (406) 638-2621. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection four weeks after the meeting at the Office of the Superintendent of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee was established under Title II of the Act of December 10, 1991, for the purpose of advising the Secretary on the site selection for a memorial in honor and recognition of the Indians who fought to preserve their land and culture at the Battle of Little Bighorn, on the conduct of a national design competition for the memorial, and " * * * to ensure that the memorial designed and constructed as provided in section 203 shall be appropriate to the monument, its resources and landscape, sensitive to the history being portrayed and artistically commendable."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara A. Sutteer, Chief, Office of American Indian Trust Responsibilities, Intermountain Field Area Office,