

additional blocks or portions of these blocks (High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-401 and High Island, South Addition, Block A-513), which lie partially within the Flower Gardens National Marine Sanctuary, are deferred from the proposed action in light of the President's June 1998, withdrawal of all Marine Sanctuaries from oil and gas leasing. The proposed action includes existing regulations and proposed lease stipulations designed to reduce environmental risks. The EA will also analyze alternatives to exclude blocks near biologically sensitive topographic features, as well as the no action alternative. The MMS may also consider deferring blocks beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, in the area referred to as the northern portion of the Western Gap, as talks between the United States and Mexico are currently underway regarding the establishment of a continental shelf boundary in this area. The analysis in the EA will reexamine the potential environmental effects of the proposal and alternatives based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Final EIS was prepared.

The MMS requests interested parties to submit comments regarding any such new information or issues that should be addressed in the EA to MMS, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Office of Leasing and Environment, Attention: Regional Supervisor (MS 5400), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 by January 18, 2000. After completion of the EA, MMS will determine whether to prepare a Finding of No New Significant Impact (FONNSI) or a supplemental EIS. The MMS will then prepare and send consistency determinations to the affected States to determine whether the proposed sale is consistent with federally-approved State coastal zone management programs, and will send a proposed Notice of Sale to the Governors for their comments on the size, timing, and location of the proposed sale. The tentative schedule for the steps in the prelease decision process for Sale 177 are listed below:

Comments due to MMS, January 18, 2000; EA/FONNSI or Supplemental EIS, March 2000; Proposed Notice of Sale sent to Governors, March 2000; Consistency Determinations sent to States, March 2000; Final Notice of sale in **Federal Register**, July 2000; Sale, August 2000.

If you wish to comment, you may mail or hand-carry written comments to the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Regional Director (MS-5410), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New

Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law.

There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Mr. George Hampton, telephone (504) 736-2465.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Carolita U. Kallaur,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House, Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of final comprehensive design plan for the White House and final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park and Final Environmental Impact Statement (CDP-FEIS).

DATES: A 30-day no-action period will follow the Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability of the CDP-FEIS.

ADDRESSES: Single copies of the 516-page CDP-FEIS may be obtained by writing: Final Plan/FEIS, Office of White House Liaison, National Park

Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, DC, 20242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CDP-FEIS addresses the future management and use of the buildings, grounds and cultural resources of the White House and President's Park. The goal is to better serve the presidency and the people, while protecting the historic character of this national treasure. The CDP-FEIS proposes actions to meet needs in the areas of: support services for the home and office of the president, visitor use and services, cultural and natural resource protection, transportation, site character, official functions and special events. The CDP-FEIS contains the description and assessment of the proposed plan and four other alternatives considered, including the required no-change alternative.

Impacts are analyzed on the following topics: cultural resources, natural resources, home and office of the president, the visitor experience, special events, transportation, the socioeconomic environment, and site management and operations.

The NPS is the lead-planning agency and has responsibility for developing the plan in conjunction with other agencies. Congressionally chartered agencies with stewardship or oversight responsibilities at the site serve on an NPS-led Executive Committee. Serving on the committee are: Executive Office of the President, Executive Residence, White House Military Office, U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. Secret Service, General Services Administration, District of Columbia, Commission of Fine Arts, National Capital Planning Commission, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and until 1995 the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation.

The planning process to develop the Final Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park began in 1992 with data collection. Issue identification took place in 1993 through 27 workshops involving some 70 agencies and organizations. Visitor opinions were obtained through surveys and through a 4-day public involvement exhibit held on the Ellipse in the spring of 1993. Desired futures were developed in workshops during the fall of 1993.

Interpretative themes were developed in March 1994. Working group meetings on the news media space occurred between March 1995 and January 1996. Alternatives were released for public review in the spring of 1995. A draft plan and draft environmental impact statement was reviewed by the public for 90 days between December 3, 1998 and March 11, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the Director, White House Liaison, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, DC 20242; Telephone: (202) 619-6344.

Dated: December 10, 1999.

Terry R. Carlstrom,

Regional Director, National Capital Region, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA**

Notice is hereby given that on November 23, 1999, the United States lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Civ. A. Nos. J-C-98-362 and J-C-98-363, in *United States and State of Arkansas v. Aircraft Services Int., Inc., et al.*, pursuant to sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607. The proposed Consent Decree resolves civil claims of the United States and Arkansas against the "generator" defendants for two Superfund Sites in Crittendon County, Arkansas—the South 8th Street Site and the Gurley Pit Site (also known as the "Edmondson" Site). Under the proposed Consent Decree, defendants will complete EPA's remedy for the South 8th Street Site and pay an appropriate generator share of past and future costs at both sites, for a settlement package worth \$6 million. In addition, the Federal Agency settling parties will pay \$1.5 million. The current owner will agree to broad access and institutional control provisions.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States and the State of Arkansas v. Aircraft Services Int., Inc., et al.*, DOJ No. 90-11-2-196/2. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Jonesboro, Arkansas, and the Region VI Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75202. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the

Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check for reproduction costs (at 25 cents per page) in the amount of \$86.00 for the Decree, payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Sections 104 and 107 of CERCLA**

Notice is hereby given that on December 1, 1999, the United States lodged a proposed consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, No. G-99-731, in *United States of America v. GAF Corp., et al.*, pursuant to Sections 104 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9604 and 9607. The proposed Consent Decree resolves civil claims of the United States against thirty-five *de minimis* generator Defendants for the Tex Tin Superfund Site located in Texas City and La Marque, Texas. The Defendants will pay a total of approximately \$1.5 million in reimbursement of response costs at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, PO Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States of America v. GAF Corp., et al.*, DJ No. 90-11-3-1669/1. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, and the Region VI Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, 75202. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check for reproduction costs (at 25 cents per page) in the amount of

\$14.75 for the Decree, payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA")**

Consistent with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, 38 FR 19029, and 42 U.S.C. 9622(d), notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Jane Doe, as Executrix of the Estate of Edmund Barbera, et al.*, 96 Civ. 8563 (BSJ), was lodged on November 18, 1999, with the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The Consent Decree addresses the hazardous waste contamination at the Port Refinery Superfund Site (the "Site"), located in the Village of Rye Brook, Westchester County, New York. The Consent Decree requires eleven generators of hazardous substances transported to the Site to pay to the United States a total of \$482,305.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Jane Doe, as Executrix of the Estate of Edmund Barbera, et al.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-1142A.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, 100 Church Street, New York, New York, 10007 (contact Assistant United States Attorney Kathy S. Marks); and the Region II Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York, 10007-1866 (contact Assistant Regional Counsel Michael Mintzer). A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$8.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) for the Consent