

WB=Wallop Breaux (Dingell-Johnson) Sport Fish Restoration Act.  
\*Denotes proposal reviewed by more than one IAFWA committee.

Dated: February 4, 2004.

**Steve Williams,**

*Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Notice of Additional Public Scoping for the Environmental Impact Statement Underway for the Proposed Cordova Oil Spill Response Facility (Formerly Shepard Point Oil Spill Response Facility and Access Road)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of additional public scoping.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is extending the scoping period to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will analyze the proposed enhancement of oil spill response capabilities in southeast Prince William Sound (PWS) by means of constructing a regional oil spill response facility in the Cordova area, and a deepwater dock with road connection to a regional airport.

The purpose of scoping is to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are encouraged.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are:

1. March 2, 2004, Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Formal Testimony from 7 to 9 p.m., Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will be held at the BLM Campbell Tract Facility, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. March 4, 2004, Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Formal Testimony from 7 to 9 p.m., Cordova, Alaska. The meeting will be held at the Mount Eccles Elementary School Cafeteria, 201 Adams Street, Cordova, Alaska.

Meeting times and specific locations will be published in the local papers.

Comments on the proposed project must be postmarked by March 19, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to ATTN: Cordova Response Facility EIS, URS Corporation, 2700 Gambell Street, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK, 99507. You may also post comments at the Web site: <http://www.cordovaresponsefacility.com>, or via e-mail: [cordovar@urscorp.com](mailto:cordovar@urscorp.com).

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristin K'eit, Environmental Scientist, (907) 586-7423, or Mark Boatwright, Environmental Protection Specialist, (907) 586-7301, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Region, PO Box 25520, Juneau, AK 99802-5520.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In March 1989, the T/V Exxon Valdez went aground on Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound, in south central Alaska, spilling 10.8 million gallons of oil, costing over \$335 million for cleanup and for studies of damages and resource recovery plans. Oil spill response facilities at that time were poorly located with limited capabilities. Consequently, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 required pre-positioned oil spill containment and removal equipment in communities and other strategic locations within Prince William Sound. Further, on November 25, 1992 a civil lawsuit was settled in the "Agreement and Consent Decree in re: The EXXON VALDEZ" (the Agreement) between the State of Alaska and the U.S. Government, and the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and the "Alyeska Owner Companies." Under the Agreement, funding was specifically set aside in the Alyeska Settlement Fund (the Fund) for construction of oil spill response storage facilities and docks in three PWS communities: Chenega Bay, Tatitlek and Cordova. Facilities have since been constructed in Tatitlek and Chenega Bay. Funding was appropriated from the Fund through Alaska State Legislation, CCS SB 165, Chapter No. 41, June 1, 1993. A Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Alaska and the BIA specifies that the BIA is responsible for the development of the project, including acting as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act compliance in connection with the proposed action.

The proposed action is to enhance the oil spill response capabilities in the southeast area of Prince William Sound (PWS) by developing an oil spill response facility in the Cordova area. Proposed project components consist of a deepwater dock with adequate depth for large oil spill response vessels loaded with heavy equipment, a staging area contiguous to the dock for staging oil spill recovery equipment, and an access road or upgrades to the existing transportation system sufficient for linking the facility to the Cordova Airport, a PWS regional airport facility.

This will allow efficient transport of out-of-region supplies and equipment through the Cordova airport to a wide variety of vessels operating in PWS. While economic development is not a direct purpose of the proposed action, the proposed action will have economic and transportation effects that will be assessed in the environmental impact statement.

The first scoping period for this project was initiated in October 2002 under the project title "Shepard Point Oil Spill Response Facility and Access Road." The project is now titled the "Cordova Oil Spill Response Facility Project." The project title was revised to maintain consistency with other descriptions of the project and to accurately reflect that a reasonable range of alternatives will be analyzed in the EIS, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. All public comments received during the October 2002 scoping period will be evaluated with equal consideration as comments received during this extended period.

**Authority:** This notice is published in accordance with section 1501.7, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1.6) and is within the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: February 4, 2004.

**Dave Anderson,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0086).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in

the regulations under “30 CFR 250, Subpart P, Sulphur Operations.”

**DATES:** Submit written comments by April 13, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817. If you wish to e-mail comments, the address is: [rules.comments@mms.gov](mailto:rules.comments@mms.gov). Reference “Information Collection 1010–0086” in your e-mail subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Arlene Bajusz, Rules Processing Team at (703) 787–1600. You may also contact Arlene Bajusz to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart P, Sulphur Operations.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010–0086.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation’s energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 5(a) of the OCS Lands Act requires the Secretary to prescribe rules and regulations “to provide for the prevention of waste, and conservation of the natural resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the protection of

correlative rights therein” and to include provisions “for the prompt and efficient exploration and development of a lease area.” These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to MMS under which we issue regulations to ensure that operations in the OCS will meet statutory requirements; provide for safety and protection of the environment; and result in diligent exploration, development, and production of OCS leases. This information collection request addresses the regulations at 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart P, Sulphur Operations, and the associated supplementary notices to lessees and operators intended to provide clarification, description, or explanation of these regulations.

MMS uses the information collected to ascertain the condition of drilling sites for the purpose of preventing hazards inherent in drilling and production operations and to evaluate the adequacy of equipment and/or procedures to be used during the conduct of drilling, well-completion, well-workover, and production operations. For example, MMS uses the information to:

- Ascertain that a discovered sulphur deposit can be classified as capable of production in paying quantities.
- Ensure accurate and complete measurement of production to determine the amount of sulphur royalty payments due the United States; and that the sale locations are secure, production has been measured accurately, and appropriate follow-up actions are initiated.
- Ensure that the drilling unit is fit for the intended purpose.
- Review expected oceanographic and meteorological conditions to ensure the integrity of the drilling unit (this information is submitted only if it is not otherwise available).
- Review hazard survey data to ensure that the lessee will not encounter geological conditions that present a hazard to operations.
- Ensure the adequacy and safety of firefighting plans.

- Ensure the adequacy of casing for anticipated conditions.

- Review log entries of crew meetings to verify that crew members are properly trained.

- Review drilling, well-completion, and well-workover diagrams and procedures to ensure the safety of the proposed drilling, well-completion, and well-workover operations.

- Review production operation procedures to ensure the safety of the proposed production operations.

- Monitor environmental data during operations in offshore areas where such data are not already available to provide a valuable source of information to evaluate the performance of drilling rigs under various weather and ocean conditions. This information is necessary to make reasonable determinations regarding safety of operations and environmental protection.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.196, “Data and information to be made available to the public.” No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

*Frequency:* Varies by section, but is generally “on occasion” or annual.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 1 Federal OCS sulphur lessee.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden:* The currently approved “hour” burden for this information collection is a total of 903 hours. The following chart details the individual components of this burden and estimated burden per response or record. In calculating the burden, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart P	Reporting or recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden
1600 .....	Submit exploration or development and production plan. [Burden included under 30 CFR 250, subpart B (1010–0049).]	0
1603(a) .....	Request determination whether sulphur deposit can produce in paying quantities .....	1
1605(b)(3) .....	Submit data and information on fitness of drilling unit .....	4
1605(c) .....	Report oceanographic, meteorological, and drilling unit performance data upon request*	1
1605(d) .....	Submit results of additional surveys and soil borings upon request* .....	1
1605(e)(5) .....	Request copy of directional survey (by holder of adjoining lease)* .....	1
1605(f) .....	Submit application for installation of fixed drilling platforms or structures. [Burden included under 30 CFR 250, subpart I (1010–0058).]	0
1607 .....	Request establishment, amendment, or cancellation of field rules for drilling, well-completion, or well-workover.	8

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart P	Reporting or recordkeeping requirement	Hour burden
1608 .....	Submit well casing and cementing plan or modification .....	5
1610(d)(8) .....	Request exception to ram-type blowout preventer (BOP) system components rated working pressure.	1
1611(b); 1625(b) .....	Request exception to water-rated working pressure to test ram-type and annular BOPs and choke manifold.	1
1611(f); 1625(f) .....	Request exception to recording pressure conditions during BOP tests on pressure charts*.	1
1612 .....	Request exception to § 250.408 requirements for well-control drills* .....	1
1615 .....	Request exception to blind-shear ram or pipe rams and inside BOP to secure wells .....	1
1617; 1618; 1619(b); 1622 .....	Submit forms MMS-123 (Application for Permit to Drill), MMS-124 (Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells), Form MMS-125 (Well Summary Report). [Burden included with forms: MMS-123 (1010-0044); MMS-124 (1010-0045); MMS-125 (1010-0046).].	0
1619(c), (d), (e) .....	Submit copies of records, logs, reports, charts, etc., upon request .....	1
1628(b), (d) .....	Submit application for design and installation features of sulphur production facilities and fuel gas safety system; certify new installation conforms to approved design.	4
1629(b)(3) .....	Request approval of firefighting systems .....	4
1630(a)(5) .....	Notify MMS of pre-production test and inspection of safety system and commencement of production.	2
1633(b) .....	Submit application for method of production measurement .....	2
1634(b) .....	Report evidence of mishandling of produced sulphur or tampering or falsifying any measurement of production.	1
1600 thru 1634 .....	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart P.	2
<b>Recordkeeping</b>		
1604(f) .....	Check traveling-block safety device for proper operation weekly and after each drill-line slipping; enter results in log.	3
1609(a) .....	Pressure test casing; record time, conditions of testing, and test results in log .....	2
1611(d)(3); 1625(c)(3) .....	Record in driller's report the date, time, and reason for postponing pressure testings .....	**10
1611(f), (g); 1625(f), (g) .....	Conduct tests, actuations, inspections, maintenance, and crew drills of BOP systems at least weekly; record results in driller's report; retain records for 2 years following completion of drilling activity.	6
1613(e) .....	Pressure test diverter sealing element/valves weekly; actuate diverter sealing element/valves/ control system every 24 hours; test diverter line for flow every 24 hours; record test times and results in driller's report.	2
1616(c) .....	Retain training records for lessee and drilling contractor personnel. [Burden included under 30 CFR 250, subpart O (1010-0128).].	0
1619(a) .....	Retain records for each well and all well operations for 2 years .....	12
1621 .....	Conduct safety meetings prior to well-completion or well-workover operations; record date and time.	1
1628(d) .....	Maintain information on approved design and installation features for the life of the facility.	1
1629(b)(1)(ii) and (iii) .....	Retain pressure-recording charts used to and determine operating pressure ranges for 2 years; post firefighting system diagram.	12
1630(b) .....	Maintain records for each safety device installed for 2 years .....	1
1631 .....	Conduct safety device training prior to production operations and periodically thereafter; record date and time.	1

\*We included a minimal burden, but it has not been necessary to request these data and/or no submissions received for many years.

\*\* Minutes.

#### *Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"*

**Burden:** We have identified no "non-hour cost" burdens.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) 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.

**Comments:** Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency " \* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected

agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*".

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the "non-hour cost" burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and

software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

**Public Comment Policy:** MMS's practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. MMS will honor this request to the extent allowable by law; however, anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**MMS Federal Register Liaison Officer:** Denise Johnson (202) 208-3976.

Dated: February 5, 2004.

**E.P. Danenberger,**

*Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Fritch, TX

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Plan of Operations, an Environmental Assessment, and a Statement of Findings for a 30-day public review at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Hutchinson County, Moore County, and Potter County, Texas.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS), in accordance with § 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations and Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, has received from Pioneer Natural Resources USA a

Plan of Operations for the continued operations of forty-four natural gas wells, Re-entry to Drill Horizontal Laterals on twenty-four gas wells, and drill one new gas well at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. Additionally, the NPS has adopted a contractor prepared Environmental Assessment for the Plan of Operations and prepared a Statement of Findings for those natural gas wells located within the 500-year flood event elevation and the 100-year flood event elevations.

**DATES:** The Plan of Operations, an Environmental Assessment, and the Statement of Findings are available for public review and comment for a period of 30-days from the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Plan of Operations, an Environmental Assessment, and the Statement of Findings are available for public review and comment in the Office of the Superintendent, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas. Copies are available, for a duplication fee, from the Superintendent, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1460, Fritch, Texas 79306-1460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Eubank, Environmental Protection Specialist, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, P.O. Box 1460, Fritch, Texas 79306, Telephone: 806-865-3874.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by mailing them to the post office address provided above, or you may hand-deliver comments to the park at the street address provided above. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of responders, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the decision-making record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the decision-making record a respondent's identity, as allowable by 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.

**Karren C. Brown,**  
*Superintendent.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service in cooperation with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation; and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska intend to prepare the South Denali Implementation Plan and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The 1986 General Management Plan for Denali National Park and Preserve called for the development of visitor services and access to the South Denali region, and the 1997 South Side Denali Development Concept Plan/EIS identified a site within the western portion of Denali State park for new visitor facilities. The Implementation Plan will study new site locations and provide more detailed information on the proposed facilities.

The purpose of the plan is to implement the 1997 South Side Plan and to evaluate specific locations for proposed visitor and administrative facilities, including a nature center, access road, trail systems, campsites, picnic shelters, employee housing and administrative facilities. In addition to siting the facilities, the plan will identify and evaluate the design, capacity and function of proposed development. Options and opportunities to enhance recreation and access throughout the South Denali region will also be evaluated. The study area for the Implementation Plan encompasses the Petersville Road corridor, the southern boundary area of Denali National Park and Preserve, the western section of Denali State Park and the Peters Hills. The goals are to provide a quality visitor experience while protecting resource values in Denali State Park and Denali National Park and Preserve and preserving the quality of life for residents in nearby communities, and to enhance recreational and access opportunities for a wide variety of visitors including Alaskans, and independent and package tour travelers. Alternatives under consideration for