

and the Manila Dunes Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) (T.6N., R.1W., Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, Humboldt Meridian). Existing rules and regulations have been documented and previously published in the **Federal Register** and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and/or are approved in two land use plans that cover the areas: the *Record of Decision, Arcata Resource Area Resource Management Plan*, dated April, 1992 and the *Decision Record, Arcata Resource Area Resource Management Plan Amendment*, dated July, 1995. In accordance with approved land use plans and regulations contained in 43 CFR 8341.2, 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR 8365.1–6, the Manila Dunes ACEC is closed to all Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use. The Samoa Dunes Recreation Area is closed to all vehicle use one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise; 175 acres are designated "closed" to all ORV use; 25 acres are designated "limited" to all ORV use; overnight camping is prohibited; and the 40-acre endangered plant protection area is closed to all public use. Vegetative gathering is prohibited between November 1 and May 1 of each year at both Samoa Dunes and Manila Dunes ACEC. The use of firearms and archery equipment are also prohibited in both areas. Employees, agents and permittees of the BLM may be exempt from these rules and regulations as determined by the authorized officer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This notice is effective February 4, 2000, as all rules and regulations listed are already in effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Maps and other supporting documentation are available for review at the following location: Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce Cann, Outdoor Recreation Planner or Michael Dodson, Law Enforcement Ranger, at the above address. Telephone (707) 825–2300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the existing rules and regulations is to preserve and protect rare and endangered plant and animal species, protect cultural resources, reduce conflicts among different types of recreation uses, and to protect public property and facilities. The purpose of this supplementary rule is to make permanent existing temporary emergency closures and to provide citation authority. Any person who fails to comply with this supplementary rules and regulations is subject to arrest and/or a fine of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, sec 18 U.S.C. section 3571.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OSC)

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for OCS minerals proposals of the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.4 and 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA's) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI's), prepared by the MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This listing includes all proposals for which the FONSI's were prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/Operator	Location	Date
Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. P–12384 (G–21469).	Main Pass Area, Blocks 265, 264, 263, 280, and 281, Lease OCS–G 21469, 70 miles off the coast of Alabama.	01/07/00
Fugro GeoServices, Inc., G&G Activity, SEA No. M00–01 .....	Bayou La Batre, Alabama to Piney Point in Tampa Bay, Florida	01/19/00
Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99–129.	Main Pass Area, Block 243, Lease OCS–G 5726, 44 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	11/03/99
Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99–130, 99–131, 99–142, and 99–143.	Main Pass Area, Blocks 244, 227, and 265, Leases OCS–G 5727, 6825, and 4834, 47 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	11/01/99
Apache Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99–135.	West Cameron Area, Block 607, Lease OCS–G 10602, 111 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/22/99
Prime Natural Resources, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99–136.	Eugene Island Area, Block 196, Lease OCS–G 0802, 43 miles southwest of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	10/15/99
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99–137.	Main Pass Area, Block 42, Lease OCS–G 1367, 19 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	10/22/99
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99–138 and 99–139.	Eugene Island Area, Blocks 229 and 230, Leases OCS–G 5505 and 0979, 46 miles southwest of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	11/01/99
Marathon Oil Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99–140 and 99–141.	East Cameron Area, Block 313, Lease OCS–G 8656, 95 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/22/99
Fairways Specialty Sales and Service, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99–144.	Galveston Area, Block A–34, Lease OCS–G 12514, 35 miles southeast of Brazoria County, Texas.	10/27/99
Murphy Exploration & Production Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99–145.	Matagorda Island Area, Block 710, Lease OCS–G 10205, 30 miles east of Aransas County, Texas.	10/09/99
Ocean Energy, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99–146.	Eugene Island Area, Block 119, Lease OCS–G 0049, 23 miles southwest of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	11/09/99
Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99–147 and 99–148.	Grand Isle Area, Block 79, Lease OCS–G 5657, Vermilion Area, Block 162, Lease OCS–G 5419, 40 miles from the nearest shoreline offshore the Louisiana Coast.	12/14/99
Ocean Energy, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99–149.	Eugene Island Area, Block 119, Lease OCS–G 0049, 23 miles southwest of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	12/30/99

Activity/Operator	Location	Date
Range Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-150 and 99-151.	Mustang Island Area, Block 847, Lease OCS-G 6011, 24 miles Offshore Kleberg County, Texas.	12/30/99

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Public Information Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Telephone (504) 736-2519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals which relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects.

Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where the MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the EA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

Dated: January 31, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Request for Information and Interest in a Commercial Sand and Gravel Lease Sale Offshore Northern New Jersey**

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

**ACTION:** Change starting time for information meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The information meeting scheduled to be held in Bradley Beach, New Jersey, on February 28, 2000, will begin at 7:30 p.m., and not 7:00 p.m., as previously announced in the **Federal Register** at Vol. 65, No. 6, Page 1413, "Outer Continental Shelf Request for Information and Interest in a Commercial Sand and Gravel Lease Sale Offshore Northern New Jersey."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol A. Hartgen, Chief, International Activities and Marine Minerals Division, (703) 787-1300.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Announcement of Posting of Two Invitations for Bids on Natural Gas from Federal Properties in the Gulf of Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Invitations for Bids on Federal Royalty Gas.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service has posted on MMS's Internet Home Page, and will make available in hard copy, public competitive offerings of approximately 490,000 mmBtu per day of natural gas, to be taken as royalty-in-kind from Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico under two Invitations For Bids (IFB), Numbers MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-002, and MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-003.

**DATES:** The two IFBs were posted on MMS's Internet Home Page on January 21, 2000. Bids will be due to MMS at the posted receipt location on February 18, 2000. MMS will notify successful bidders on or about February 25, 2000. The Federal Government will begin actual taking of awarded royalty gas volumes for delivery to successful bidders for a 7-month period beginning on April 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The IFBs are posted on MMS's Home Page at <http://www.mms.gov> under the icon "What's New." The IFBs may also be obtained by

contacting Mr. Michael Del-Colle at the address in the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section. Bids should be submitted to the address provided in the IFBs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information on MMS's RIK pilots, contact Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4230, Washington DC 20240; telephone number (202) 208-3827; fax (202) 208-3918; e-mail [Bonn.Macy@mms.gov](mailto:Bonn.Macy@mms.gov). For additional information concerning the IFB document, terms, and process for Federal leases, contact Mr. Michael Del-Colle, Minerals Management Service, MS-2510, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4817; telephone number (703) 787-1375; fax (703) 787-1009; e-mail [Michael.Del-Colle@mms.gov](mailto:Michael.Del-Colle@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These offerings of natural gas continue MMS's RIK pilot program and will involve Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico. MMS's objective is to identify the circumstances in which taking oil and gas royalties as a share of production is a viable alternative to its usual practice of collecting oil and gas royalties as a share of the value received by the lessee for sale of the production.

IFB Number MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-002 offers approximately 280,000 mmBtu per day of natural gas from selected Federal properties located in the East Breaks, Garden Banks, High Island, East and West Cameron, and Vermillion areas of the Gulf of Mexico. This royalty gas flows through 88 facility measurement points (FMP's) on five pipeline systems—High Island/UTOS, ANR, Transco/NHIS, Pelican, and Stingray. This production was offered most recently October 8, 1999, under IFB No. RIK-2000-GOMR-001 for deliveries through March 31, 2000. Under terms of this new IFB, purchasers will, as before, take the royalty gas from these properties and locations near the lease and, in return, deliver a fixed daily volume of natural gas (based on monthly nominations) to the General Services Administration (GSA) at a specified location for GSA's use in managing supply commitments to Federal agency end users.

IFB Number MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-003 offers an additional natural gas volume of approximately 210,000 mmBtu per day from selected Federal properties in the East and West Cameron, Garden Banks, Vermilion,