

Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register**. Future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.nv.blm.gov/lvdiseis>.
- E-mail: jsteinme@nv.blm.gov.
- Fax: (702) 515-5155.
- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. Copies of the Draft EIS are available in the BLM Las Vegas Field Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jeff Steinmetz, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, Telephone (702) 515-5097; e-mail jsteinme@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Shortly after approval of SNPLMA, the BLM received an increase in requests for public land disposal. The Clark County Act significantly increased the amount of land available for disposal by adding approximately 22,000 acres to the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Area by amending the boundary defined and approved in SNPLMA. (The rapid disposal rate and additional lands created the need to augment the impact analysis conducted for the Las Vegas RMP, signed October 5, 1998). The current Draft EIS considers and analyzes three alternatives that meet the requirements of SNPLMA and the Clark County Act. The alternatives include complete disposal, a disposal implementation option (conservation transfer) that addresses sensitive environmental resources, and a no action alternative as required by NEPA. The no action alternative to land disposal is a continuation of realty management as specified in the RMP, including disposal of BLM-managed

lands until the cumulative development (including private lands) throughout the Las Vegas Valley reaches the projected total of 80,000 acres. Land disposal authorized by SNPLMA and the Clark County Act that would result in subsequent development of more acreage than the amount evaluated in the RMP are not included in the no action alternative. Under the complete disposal alternative all BLM land within the disposal boundary would be available for disposal, unless the action would violate another law, such as the Endangered Species Act. Analysis of this alternative includes evaluation of indirect and cumulative impacts of post-disposal development. Under the disposal implementation option or conservation transfer alternative, the BLM would consider transfer options that restrict subsequent use of individual properties to protect sensitive environmental resources. These options could include mitigation and/or protection of the resource before or after the property is transferred. Major resource issues addressed in the Draft EIS include air quality, surface water hydrology and water quality, water supply and demand, protected and sensitive plant and wildlife species, archaeological and historic sites, paleontological resources, socioeconomic, recreation opportunities, and visual characteristics. A predictive model for air quality impacts prepared by Argonne National Laboratory (Argonne) was used as the basis for the reasonably foreseeable land development scenario and as the best available data for analyzing cumulative impacts of past, present, and projected development. In addition, BLM is currently working with Argonne and Clark County Department of Air Quality Management to run another model that includes potential mitigation for Ozone precursors. This model run will be ready before the Final EIS is completed.

Mark T. Morse,

Field Manager, Las Vegas.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Integrated Activity Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Integrated Activity Plan Amendment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces an extension of the public comment period on the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Integrated Activity Plan Amendment. The original notice issued June 18, 2004 provided for a comment period to end on August 2, 2004. BLM is extending the comment period until August 23, 2004.

DATES: Written comments on issues relating to the future land use, planning, and management of the Northeast corner of National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska must be submitted or postmarked no later than August 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the document should be addressed to: Susan Childs, Project Manager, Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Plan Amendment, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office (930), 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599. Comments can also be submitted by accessing the Web site developed for this project at <http://nenpra.ensr.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Childs, BLM Alaska State Office, 907-271-1985 or by mail at 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original Notice of Availability issued on June 18, 2004 provided for comments on the Draft EIS to be received through August 2, 2004. The North Slope Borough, the local government for the plan area, has requested an extension in the comment period. BLM has decided to act in accordance to the Borough's request, therefore, comments on the Draft EIS Amendment and on issues relevant to the review of the proposed plan amendment will now be accepted through August 23, 2004.

Dated: June 29, 2004.

Henri Bisson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Hearings Addressing the Use of Helicopters and Motorized Vehicles During the Capture of Wild Horses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: A public hearing addressing the use of motorized vehicles and helicopters during the capture of wild horses in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range, Grand Junction Field Office, Grand Junction, Colorado.

DATES: The public hearing has been scheduled for September 9, 2004 at the Grand Junction Field Office; 2815 H Road; Grand Junction, Colorado. Time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. Information for the meeting will be announced through public notices, local newspaper announcements and mailings.

ADDRESSES: Grand Junction Field Office: 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Little Book Cliffs wild horse gather is scheduled for completion during October 2004 if weather allows. Otherwise the gather will occur between August 1 and October 1, 2005: For additional information regarding the public hearing please contact Jim Dollerschell, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; telephone (970) 244-3016 or e-mail Jim_Dollerschell@co.blm.gov.

Dated: July 23, 2004.

Raul Morales,

Associate Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Programmatic Environmental Assessment of Geological and Geophysical Exploration for Mineral Resources on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of geological and geophysical (G&G) activities in the Gulf of Mexico. The activities analyzed in the EA include seismic surveys, deep-tow side-scan surveys, electromagnetic surveys, geological and geochemical sampling, and remote-sensing surveys. The impact-producing factors considered in the EA include seismic survey noise, vessel and aircraft noise, seafloor disturbance, and space-use conflicts with seismic arrays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Dr. Richard Defenbaugh, (504) 736-2759.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS currently requires operators engaged in activities on the OCS, including G&G activities, to comply with a number of lease stipulations, Notices to Lessees, and other mitigation measures designed to reduce or eliminate impacts to sensitive environmental resources from impact-producing factors such as vessel or aircraft traffic, anchoring, and trash and debris. As part of the impact analyses completed in the G&G EA, current protective and mitigation measures were evaluated. Additional feasible mitigation measures were also considered, as were potential restrictions on concurrent operations within close proximity to one another, as viable alternatives to further reduce the potential for impacts to marine mammals. Based on established significance criteria, the results of the impact analyses are that G&G activities are not expected to result in significant adverse impacts to any of the potentially affected resources. Potentially adverse but not significant impacts were identified for marine mammals (except the manatee) and commercial and recreational fishing; negligible to potentially adverse but not significant impacts were identified for sea turtles,

fish, and benthic communities; and negligible impacts were identified for coastal and marine birds and the manatee. The EA has resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact. Based on this EA, we have concluded that the G&G activities evaluated in the EA will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required. The EA will be included as part of the information package used to petition the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for small "takes" incidental to seismic surveys in the Gulf of Mexico, under the enabling regulations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

EA Availability: To obtain a copy of the EA, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 (1-800-200-GULF). You may also view the EA on the MMS Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov>.

Dated: June 23, 2004.

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Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-1084-1087 (Preliminary)]

Purified Carboxymethylcellulose From Finland, Mexico, Netherlands, and Sweden

Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Finland, Mexico, Netherlands, and Sweden of purified carboxymethylcellulose, provided for in subheading 3912.31.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

¹ The record is defined in § 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).