

TABLE 1.—SPECIES PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NISOURCE HCP—Continued

Common name	Scientific name	Federal status	Where listed	Final listing rule
Lakeside daisy	<i>Tetraneuris herbacea</i>	E	IL, MI, OH	53 FR 23742.
Leafy prairie clover	<i>Dalea foliosa</i>	E	AL, IL, TN	56 FR 19953.
Leedy's roseroot	<i>Rhodiola integrifolia</i> ssp. <i>Leedyi</i> ...	T	MN, NY	57 FR 14649.
Mead's milkweed	<i>Asclepias meadii</i>	T	IL, IN, IA, KS, MO	53 FR 33992.
Michaux's sumac	<i>Rhus michauxii</i>	T	GA, NC, SC, VA	54 FR 39850.
Northeastern bulrush	<i>Scirpus ancistrochaetus</i>	E	MD, MA, NH, PA, VT, VA, WV	56 FR 21091.
Northern Monkshood	<i>Aconitum noveboracense</i>	E	IA, NY, OH, WI	43 FR 17910.
Pondberry	<i>Lindera melissifolia</i>	E	AR, GA, MS, MO, NC, SC	51 FR 27495.
Price's potato bean	<i>Apios priceana</i>	T	AL, IL, KY, MS, TN	55 FR 429.
Running buffalo clover	<i>Trifolium stoloniferum</i>	E	AR, IN, KY, MO, OH, WV	52 FR 21478.
Sandplain gerardia	<i>Agalinis acuta</i>	E	CT, MD, MA, NY, RI	53 FR 34701.
Sensitive joint-vetch	<i>Aeschynomene sensitive</i>	T	MD, NJ, NC, VA	57 FR 21569.
Shale barren rockcress	<i>Arabis serotina</i>	E	VA, WV	54 FR 29655.
Short's goldenrod	<i>Solidago shortii</i>	E	IN, KY	50 FR 36085.
Small whorled pogonia	<i>Isotria medeoloides</i>	T	CT, DE, GA, IL, ME, MA, MI, NH, NJ, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, WV.	59 FR 50852.
Smooth coneflower	<i>Echinacea laevigata</i>	E	GA, NC, SC, VA	57 FR 46340.
Spring Creek bladderpod	<i>Lesquerella perforate</i>	E	TN	61 FR 67493.
Swamp pink	<i>Helonias bullata</i> L	T	DE, GA, MD, NJ, NC, SC, VA	53 FR 35076.
Tennessee purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea tennesseensis</i>	E	TN	44 FR 32604.
Tennessee yellow-eyed grass	<i>Xyris tennesseensis</i> kral	E		56 FR 34151.
Virginia sneezeweed	<i>Helenium virginicum</i>	T	MD, VA	63 FR 59239.
Virginia spiraea	<i>Spiraea virginiana</i>	T	GA, KY, NC, OH, PA, TN, VA, WV	55 FR 24241.
White Fringeless Orchid	<i>Platanthera integrilabia</i>	C.		
White-haired goldenrod	<i>Solidago albopilosa</i>	T	KY	53 FR 11612.

Environmental Impact Statement

We will be the lead Federal agency in the preparation of an EIS that will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*). USACE and FERC will serve as cooperating agencies during the preparation of the EIS. With this NOI, we ask other Federal, State, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues, in addition to those agencies that have already agreed to serve as cooperating agencies (as noted above), to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status on the EIS should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Addresses section of this NOI.

The EIS will consider the proposed action (i.e., the issuance of a Section 10(a)(1)(B) permit under the Act, as supported by an HCP), no action (no HCP/no Section 10 permit), and a reasonable range of alternatives that accomplish the purpose and need of the proposal. A detailed description of the proposed action and alternatives will be included in the EIS. The alternatives to be considered for analysis in the EIS may include, but not be limited to, modified lists of covered species, land coverage areas, and activities coverage. The EIS will also identify potentially significant impacts on biological

resources, land use, air quality, water quality, water resources, economics, and other environmental/historical resources that may occur directly or indirectly as a result of implementing the proposed action or any of the alternatives. Various strategies for avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating the impacts of incidental take may also be considered.

Environmental review of the EIS will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable regulations, and our procedures for compliance with those regulations. We furnish this notice in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22 to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives they believe need to be addressed in the EIS. The primary purpose of the scoping process is to identify important issues raised by the public related to the proposed action. Written comments from interested parties are invited to ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed permit application is identified. Comments will only be accepted in written form.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that

your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: September 19, 2007.

Wendi Weber,

Assistant Regional Director, Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F–14830–A and F–14830–A2, AK–962–1410–KC–P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Nerklikmute Native Corporation, for lands in the vicinity of the Native village of Andreafski, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 21 N., R. 75 W.,
Secs. 16, 19, and 20.
Containing 643.69 acres.

T. 21 N., R. 76 W.,
Sec. 5;
Secs. 23 to 26, inclusive.
Containing 2,860.89 acres.
Aggregating 3,504.58 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Nerklukmte Native Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Tundra Drums.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

D. Kay Erben,

Title and Law Examiner, Branch of Adjudication II.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service**

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submitted for Office of
Management and Budget (OMB)
Review; 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), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, subpart P, Sulphur Operations. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

DATES: Submit written comments by November 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments either by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0086). Mail or hand carry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Cheryl Blundon; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. If you wish to e-mail your comments to MMS, the address is:

rules.comments@mms.gov. Reference Information Collection 1010-0086 in your subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message text.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon 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 preserve, protect, and develop sulphur resources on the OCS; make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resources development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources offshore; and 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.

The 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