

other acres, in order to reduce the costs of purchasing feed from other sources. This project is needed for the MHA Nation to pursue an economic development opportunity to benefit its members, in keeping with its tribal sovereignty.

Feedstock for the proposed refinery would include 10,000 barrels per stream day (BPSD) of synthetic crude oil via existing pipeline from Alberta, Canada; 3,000 BPSD of field butane from local suppliers; 6 million standard cubic feet per day of natural gas via existing pipeline; and 300 barrels of bio-diesel or 8,500 bushels per day of soybeans. From the feedstock, the refinery would produce about 5,750 BPSD of diesel fuel, 6,770 BPSD of gasoline, and 300 BPSD of propane. With the planned maintenance program, the refinery would have an economic life well past 20 years. At the end of its economic life, MHA Nation would decommission and reclaim the facility.

The proposed refinery would include atmospheric distillation, hydrotreating, and hydrocracking processing units for the synthetic crude, a hydrogen plant utilizing natural gas, and butane processing units. Other areas of the proposed refinery include rail and truck loading and unloading facilities, a tank farm, blending facilities, office and maintenance buildings and a fire suppression system. Potentially contaminated (oily) storm water will be managed separately from uncontaminated (non-oily) storm water.

The applicant proposes to discharge effluent from four discharge points (outfalls) into a wetland located in the NW ¼ of Section 19, Township 152N, Range 87W. The wetland is a tributary of the East Fork of Shell Creek, which is a tributary to the Missouri River. The responsible official for the proposed permit application is, Tex G. Hall, Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council, 404 Frontage Road, New Town, North Dakota 58763.

The DEIS describes, in detail, and analyzes the impacts of five alternatives for the BIA's action. These alternatives are as follows:

- (1) Accept lands into trust in support of the MHA Nation's proposal to construct and operate a clean fuels refinery and produce buffalo forage;
- (2) Accept lands into trust without construction or operation of a clean fuels refinery;
- (3) Decline acceptance of lands into trust, but construction or operation of a clean fuels refinery may proceed;
- (4) Accept lands into trust in support of the MHA Nation's proposal to construct and operate a clean fuels

refinery with modification to the original design; and

- (5) No action.

The DEIS also describes five effluent discharge alternatives for EPA's action. These alternatives are as follows:

- (1) Issuance of an NPDES permit for effluent discharge of treated wastewater;
- (2) No issuance of an NPDES permit, but disposal of treated wastewater through irrigation and effluent storage during the winter and wet weather;
- (3) Issuance of an NPDES permit for partial effluent discharge from the facility and some storage and irrigation;
- (4) No issuance of an NPDES permit, but effluent discharge to an Underground Injection Control Class I well; and
- (5) No action.

Any person may submit comments on the DEIS and/or Draft NPDES permit in writing to the address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section, or either orally and/or in writing at one or more of the public hearings. A Presiding Officer will be present at each of the hearings and a written transcript of the hearings will be made a part of the administrative record for the agency decisions. The hearings will be recorded so that if anyone testifies in their native language, it can be interpreted and transcribed for inclusion in the administrative record.

Please make comments as specific as possible, with reference to chapters, page numbers and paragraphs in the DEIS document and Draft NPDES permit. While all comments will be considered, the most useful comments will contain new technical or scientific information, identify data gaps in the impact analysis, or provide technical or scientific rationale for opinions or preferences.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA and EPA Regional Office addresses shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or 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 the law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. 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.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the 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 in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: April 7, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians' Proposed 79 Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino Project in Emmett Township, Calhoun County, MI

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) intends to file a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the proposed 79 acre fee-to-trust land transfer and casino project in Emmett Township, Calhoun County, Michigan, and that the FEIS is now available to the public. The purpose of the proposed action is to help provide for the economic development of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians (Tribe).

DATES: The Record of Decision on the proposed action will be issued on or after July 31, 2006. Any comments on the FEIS must arrive by July 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Terrance L. Virden, Director, Midwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, One Federal Drive, Room 550, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111. Please include your name, return address and the caption, "FEIS Comments, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians' Proposed 79 Acre Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project,

Emmett Township, Calhoun County, Michigan," on the first page of your written comments.

Copies of the FEIS will be available for review at: (1) Willard Library, 7 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017, Telephone (269) 968-8166; (2) Helen Warner Branch Library, 36 Minges Creek Place, Battle Creek, Michigan 49015, Telephone (269) 968-8166, extension 600; and (3) Marshall District Library, 124 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan 49068, Telephone (269) 781-7821.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the FEIS, please write or call Herb Nelson, Regional Environmental Scientist, Midwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, One Federal Drive, Room 550, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111, telephone (612) 725-4510, fax (612) 713-4401. The FEIS is also available on line at <http://www.HuronFEIS.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herb Nelson, (612) 725-4510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribe has asked the BIA to take 79 acres of land into trust on behalf of the Tribe, on which the Tribe proposes to build a casino. The property is located along the south side of Interstate 94 (I-94) in Emmett Township, Calhoun County, Michigan, at the Eleven Mile Road exit. The gaming facility would be managed by Gaming Enterprises Michigan (GEM) on behalf of the Tribe, pursuant to the terms of the gaming management agreement between the Tribe and GEM. The NIGC is responsible for the review and approval of the gaming management contract.

The project design includes an approximately 136,000 square foot casino, designed to accommodate 2000 slot machines and 50 gaming tables. The site is also proposed to include parking for approximately 3600 cars for patrons and gaming facility employees, plus 20 visitor spaces for busses and other over-sized vehicles. The parking area would cover approximately 32 acres.

Alternatives to the proposed project that are considered and evaluated in detail in the FEIS are as follows: (1) Trust acquisition and casino construction and operation (the proposed action); (2) trust acquisition and construction and operation of a casino smaller than the casino described in the proposed action; (3) trust acquisition and construction and operation of a casino with reduced hours of operation; (4) trust acquisition and construction and operation of a casino at an alternate location from that in the proposed action; and (5) no

action. Alternatives considered and properly eliminated from detailed study in the FEIS include non-casino alternatives and the construction and operation of a larger casino than that described in the proposed action.

Environmental issues addressed in the FEIS include land and water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, resource use patterns, traffic and transportation networks, sound and noise, hazardous materials, public health and safety, public services, environmental justice, aesthetic resources and lighting, indirect and induced growth impacts, cumulative impacts and mitigation.

The BIA held a public scoping meeting July 28, 2004, in Battle Creek, Michigan, to identify issues and alternatives to be considered in the EIS. The BIA held a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement August 24, 2005, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or 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 the law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. 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.

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Dated: March 6, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Water Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The following Water Management Plans are available for review:

- City of Vacaville.
- Santa Ynez River Conservation District.
- Sacramento County Water Agency.
- Grasslands Water District Refuge.
- El Dorado Irrigation District.
- City of Redding.

To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA) and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, the Bureau of Reclamation has developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria). Note: For the purpose of this announcement, Water Management Plans (Plans) are considered the same as Water Conservation Plans. The above districts have developed Plans, which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined to meet the requirements of these Criteria. Reclamation is publishing this notice in order to allow the public to review the Plans and comment on the preliminary determinations. Public comment on Reclamation's preliminary (*i.e.*, draft) determination is invited at this time.

DATES: All public comments must be received by July 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to Bryce White, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way MP-410, Sacramento, California 95825, or contact at 916-978-5208 (TDD 978-5608), or e-mail bwhite@mp.usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please contact Mr. White at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are inviting the public to comment on our preliminary (*i.e.*, draft) determination of Plan adequacy. Section 3405(e) of the CVPIA (Title 34 Pub. L. 102-575) requires the Secretary of the Interior to