

Dated: July 7, 1998.

**John A. Blankenship,**

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Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the City of Austin for the Operation and Maintenance of Barton Springs Pool and Adjacent Springs

**ACTION:** Second Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This is the second issuance of this draft document. The Service has decided that new information incorporated into this document was significant enough to warrant an additional public comment period. The City of Austin has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The applicant has been assigned permit number PRT-839031. The requested permit, which is for a period of 15 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Barton Springs salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*). The proposed take would occur as the result of the operation and maintenance of Barton Springs Pool and adjacent springs in Austin, Travis County, Texas. The Service and the City of Austin have prepared an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take permit application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made before at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). **DATES:** Written comments on the application should be received on or before August 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Matthew Lechner, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0057). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or

comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number PRT-839031 when submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Lechner at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Barton Springs salamander. Take means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

**Applicant:** The City of Austin plans to maintain and operate Barton Springs Pool and the adjacent springs in Austin, Travis County, Texas. This action may cause the incidental take of less than 20 salamanders per year, for the 15-year term of the permit. The applicant proposes to minimize and mitigate for the incidental take of the Barton Springs salamander by placing 10 percent of the total revenues generated at Barton Springs Pool into a conservation fund. The fund will be used for enhancing habitat and for ecological and biological research on the Barton Springs salamander. In addition, mitigation measures are included in the Habitat Conservation Plan.

Dated: July 6, 1998.

**Frank Shoemaker,**

*Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque,  
New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Receipt of Letter of Intent To Submit a Petition for Federal Acknowledgement of Existence as an Indian Tribe

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8. Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) notice is hereby given that the Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians, 132 North State Street, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781 has

filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on May 13, 1998, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of a petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) of the Federal regulations, third parties may submit factual or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS 4603-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 208-3592.

Dated: June 1, 1998.

**Hilda Manuel,**

*Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

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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 (OCS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents.

Prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**SUMMARY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR Section 1501.4 and Section 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 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
Shell Pipeline Corporation, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-19666.	Viosca Knoll Area, Blocks 786, 785, 829, 828, 827, 826, 782, 781, 780, 779, 736, 735, and 734; Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, and 289; Lease OCS-G 19666, 67 to 73 miles south of Mobile County, Alabama.	04/17/98
Viosca Knoll Gathering Company, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-19675.	Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 261 and 260, Lease OCS-G 19675, 61 miles South of Baldwin County, Alabama.	04/17/98
Amoco Production Company, Pipeline Activity, SEA Nos. G-19681 and G-19682.	Viosca Knoll Area, Blocks 915, 871, 827, 826, 782, 738, 694, and 693; Main Pass area, South and East Addition, Blocks 259, 260, 249, 248, and 225; Leases OCS-G 19681 and 19682, 50 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	04/01/98
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-20503.	Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 259, 260, and 261, Lease OCS-G 20503, 61 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama.	05/21/98
Walter Oil and Gas Corporation, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-20499.	Garden Banks Area, Blocks 179, 180, and 136; High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Blocks A-397, A-385, and A-384; Lease OCS-G 20499, 110 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	06/05/98
Shell Offshore, Incorporated, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-20510.	High Island Area, South Addition, Blocks A-545, A-548, and A-547, Lease OCS-G 20510, 103 miles south of Jefferson County, Texas.	06/11/98
Union Oil Company of California, Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6029.	Mobile Area, Block 871, Lease OCS-G 13044, 6.9 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama.	05/14/98
Union Oil Company of California Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6057.	Mobile Area, Blocks 1004, 1005, and 1006, Leases OCS-G 15406, 15407, and 15408, 15 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama.	05/15/98
Exxon Company, U.S.A., Development Activity, SEA No. N-6134U.	East Breaks Area, Blocks 945, 946, and 988, Leases OCS-G 8211, 8212, and 8213, 126 miles south-southeast of Brazoria County, Texas.	06/19/98
Chevron U.S.A., Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6173.	Viosca Knoll Area, Block 390, Lease OCS-G 15429, 41 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama.	06/19/98
Union Oil Company of California, Development Activity, SEA No. S-4525U.	Mobile Area, Blocks 915, 917, 961, and 962, Leases OCS-G 5752, 5754, 5761, and 12115, 9.5 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama.	04/22/98
Chevron U.S.A., Development and Pipeline Activity, SEA No. S-4667.	Mobile Area, Blocks 862, 863, and 864, Leases OCS-G 5748, 5063, and 5064, 5-7 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama.	06/29/98
Vastar Resources, Inc., Exploration Activity, SEA No. R-3202.	Viosca Knoll Area, Block 1001, Lease OCS-G 16560, 56 miles southeast of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	06/01/98
Union Pacific Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operation, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-063A.	Galveston Area, Block A-125, Lease OCS-G 9055, 56 miles southeast of Brazoria County Texas.	06/19/98
Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-147A through 97-149A.	West Cameron Area, Block 44, Lease OCS-G 6566, 7 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	03/05/98
Taylor Energy Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-017.	Vermilion Area, Block 247, Lease OCS-G 2080, 56 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.	04/24/98
Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 98-018 through 98-022.	Main Pass Area, Blocks 42 and 127, Leases OCS 0375 and OCS-G 1312, 25 to 32 miles east of Venice, Louisiana.	04/22/98
Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-023.	Eugene Island Area, Block 252, Lease OCS-G 0983, 46 miles south-southwest from the shoreline of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	04/24/98
Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-024 and 98-025.	Vermilion Area, Block 24, Lease OCS-G 3543, 7 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.	05/14/98
Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-027 and 98-028.	West Cameron Area, Block 458, Lease 5332; High Island Area, Block A-515; Lease OCS-G 4189, 78 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana and 80 miles south of Jefferson County, Texas.	04/24/98
Forecenergy Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-038.	High Island Area, Block A-490, Lease OCS-G 3117, 103 miles south of Jefferson County, Texas.	04/30/98
Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-039A.	South Marsh Area, Block 143, Lease OCS-G 1217, 84 miles south of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.	05/22/98
Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-039.	South Marsh Island Area, Block 143, Lease OCS-G 1217, 84 miles south of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.	05/14/98
EEX Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-040.	Brazos Area, Block 455, Lease OCS-G 7220, 18 miles south of Matagorda County, Texas.	05/20/98
Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-041.	Mobile Area, Block 862, Lease OCS-G 5063, 3 miles south of Jackson County, Mississippi.	05/22/98
Vastar Resources, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-042.	Mustang Island Area, Block 789, Lease OCS-G 12761, 24 miles south of Harbor Island, Texas.	05/01/98
Murphy Exploration & Production Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 98-043 through 98-046.	Matagorda Island Area, Blocks 589 and 604, Leases OCS-G 10196 and OCS-G 6037, 20 miles southeast of Port O'Connor, Texas.	06/01/98
The Houston Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-047.	Galveston Area, Block 297, Lease OCS-G 12501, 32 miles south of Galveston, Texas.	05/20/98
Forcenergy Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 98-048 through 98-053.	South Marsh Island Area, Block 11, Lease OCS-G 1182, 44 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.	06/03/98
Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-054.	West Cameron Area, Block 141, Lease OCS-G 13559, 20 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	06/23/98

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Ocean Energy, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-055.	Eugene Island Area, Block 301, Lease OCS-G 14476, 64 miles south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	06/17/98
Newfield Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-057.	West Delta Area, Block 20, Lease OCS-G 7789, 18 miles south of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	06/23/98
Burlington Resources Offshore Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 98-061 and 98-062.	Eugene Island Area, Blocks 93 and 94, Leases OCS 0228 and OCS-G 5488, 26 miles south of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.	06/09/98

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 CONTACT:**

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:** 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 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: July 8, 1998.

**Chris C. Oynes,**

*Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

In accordance with Department policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March, 1998, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States, v. Rudi R. Vafadari, et al.*, Civil Action CV 96-1434 PHX EHC was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. The Complaint was filed in this case for recovery of response costs and civil penalties from Rudi R. Vafadari and others, pursuant to Sections 104, 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9604, 9606 and 9607, related to the DCE Circuits site, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Pursuant to the consent decree, the defendants will pay \$328,500 in response costs, and a civil penalty of \$10,000 for failure to provide timely and complete responses to information request letters.

For thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, the Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the Consent Decree from persons who are not parties to the action. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530 and should refer to *United States v. Rudi R. Vafadari et al.*, D. J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-413C.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Region IX office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, or at the U.S. Attorney's Office, 230 First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

Copies of the Consent Decree also may be examined at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, telephone number (202) 634-0892. A copy of the Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy,

please tender a check in the amount of \$6.75 (25 cents per page reproduction charge) payable to "Consent Decree Library."

**Joel Gross,**

*Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section.*  
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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 30-31373-CivP; ASLBP No. 98-735-01-CivP; EA 97-207]

**Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; Notice of Evidentiary Hearing**

July 9, 1998.

In the Matter of: Conam Inspection, Inc., Itasca, Illinois (License No. 12-16559-01). Order Imposing Civil Monetary Penalty.

Notice is hereby given that, as provided in the Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order dated June 4, 1998, the evidentiary hearing in this civil penalty proceeding will commence on Monday, September 14, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. CDT, and will continue, to the extent necessary, on September 15-18, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m. CDT each day. The hearing will be held at the Federal Building, Room LLA, 536 South Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60610. Parties are to file formal lists of witnesses and documents to be utilized to be in our possession by Wednesday, September 9, 1998.

Members of the public are invited to attend these hearing sessions. Materials concerning this proceeding are on file at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the Commission's Region III Office, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

**Charles Bechhoefer,**

*Chairman, Administrative Judge, Rockville, Maryland.*

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