

- Which public land and fluid minerals should be available for leasing and subsequent activities?

- On which lands are standard lease terms and conditions sufficient?

- Which public land should be available for leasing with constraints (e.g., timing limitations, no surface occupancy, controlled surface use)?

- Which leasing stipulations from existing plans are appropriate and sufficient to protect other resource values?

- Which public land should be closed to fluid minerals leasing?

Preliminary planning criteria for guiding the development of the RMPA/EIS include the following. Actions must:

- Comply with laws, executive orders, and regulations.

- Provide for orderly leasing and development of fluid minerals while providing for the protection of environmental resources and minimizing the extent of impact on the environment.

- Provide for the conservation of mineral resources.

- Provide for rehabilitation of affected land.

- Minimize soil erosion.

- Provide for protection of water resources.

- Provide for protection and management of plant and animal special status species.

- Provide for protection and management of wildlife and wildlife habitat.

- Provide for protection of cultural and paleontological resources.

- Provide for availability of recreation opportunities.

- Protect and enhance visual quality.

- Provide for public health and safety.

- Consider social and economic effects.

Resource concerns to be addressed include lands and access, minerals, soils, water resources, wilderness study areas, air quality, vegetation, wildlife, special status species, livestock grazing, cultural and paleontological resources, recreation, visual resources, and social and economic conditions.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

**Josie Banegas,**

*Acting Field Manager, Las Cruces.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice to rescind notice to lessees and operators (NTL) 98-11N.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces our decision to rescind NTL 98-11N, Guidelines for Suspension of Production Due to Uneconomic Market Conditions.

**DATES:** NTL 98-11N is rescinded effective on January 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** E. P. Danenberger at (703) 787-1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are in the process of updating our NTLs to reflect current technologies, correct regulatory citations, and include a statement on the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. In most instances we are not changing the requirements and information in the superseded NTLs. During this process we updated NTL 92-1N, "Guidelines for Application for Suspension of Production Due to Uneconomic Market Conditions" and superseded it by NTL 98-11N.

The superseded NTL 92-1N was developed in 1992 and was issued under the authority of 30 CFR 250.110(a)(5) which states, "To avoid continued operations which would result in premature abandonment of a producing well(s) or would not be economic." We have reviewed our policy in NTL 98-11N and determined that the regulations in 30 CFR 250.110 are sufficient to prevent premature abandonment of producing wells.

We expect lessees to diligently manage their leases by exploring, developing, and commencing production within the primary term. We will only grant SOPs for a lease when the lessee commits to production and provides a reasonable schedule of activities including measurable milestones. We will not grant suspensions for nonproducing leases solely to wait for uncertain economic or technological conditions to improve.

Based on this policy, NTL 98-11N is officially rescinded effective January 13, 1998, and no further SOPs will be approved under this NTL after that date. All currently approved SOPs will remain in effect until their specified expiration date or production begins, whichever occurs first.

For your reference, on February 13, 1998, we published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (63 FR 7335), titled "Postlease Operations Safety,"

revising the entire 30 CFR 250, subpart A. The proposed rule was subsequently corrected in a notice on March 9, 1998 (63 FR 11385). The comment period was extended once and closed on July 17, 1998. The current § 250.110 on suspension of production or other operations was renumbered § 250.119 in the proposed rule. Our regulatory policy on suspensions of production or operations will be reflected in the 30 CFR 250, subpart A, final rule.

The collection of information we refer to in this notice is authorized under 30 CFR 250, subpart A. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to inform you that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements in these regulations and assigned OMB control number 1010-0030.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

**Carolita U. Kallaur,**

*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Draft Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan Redwood National and State Parks, California; Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) assessing four alternatives for, and potential impacts of, a proposed General Management Plan for Redwood National Park, California. In deference to public interest expressed to date from local governmental agencies, organizations, and other interested parties, the public comment period has been extended an additional month through November 8, 1998.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Redwood National and State Parks are jointly managed. In addition to the DEIS, a draft Environmental Impact Report/General Plan was prepared concurrently. Copies of the documents and a 15-page summary can be reviewed at local libraries or park offices in Arcata, Orick, and Crescent City; internet access is available at "<http://www.nps.gov/planning/redw/dgmp/redwdgmp.htm>". A limited number of

copies may still be available upon phone request at (707) 464-6101.

All comments on the draft documents must now be transmitted or post-marked not later than November 8, 1998, and should be directed to the Superintendents, Redwood National and State Parks, 1111 Second St., Crescent City, CA 95531; or in care of "Redwplan@nps.gov".

Dated: October 8, 1998.

**Patricia L. Neubacher,**

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific West.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Long-Term Contract Renewal, Central Valley Project, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare environmental documents for the purpose of renewing existing long-term and interim contracts for the Central Valley Project, California. Specific quantities of water to be in the renewal contracts will be subject to a needs assessment.

At present, it is not clear whether the scope of the action and anticipated project impacts will require preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) instead of an environmental assessment (EA). However, to ensure a timely and appropriate level of NEPA compliance and limit potential future delays to the project schedule, Reclamation is proceeding, at this time, as if the project impacts would require preparation of an EIS. Reclamation will reevaluate the need for an EIS after obtaining written and oral comments on project alternatives and impacts during the scoping process. Reclamation will publish a notice of cancellation if, as a result of scoping, a decision is made to prepare an EA rather than an EIS.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** Section for meeting dates.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the project scope of the environmental document(s) may be submitted by December 11, 1998, and sent to Mr. Alan R. Candlish, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way.

Attention: MP-120, Sacramento CA 95825

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Alan R. Candlish, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way. Attention: MP-120, Sacramento CA 95825, telephone: 916/978-5190 or Ms. Donna Tegelman, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way. Attention: MP-440, Sacramento CA 95825, telephone: 916/978-5250 (TDD 978-5608).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3404(c) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act authorizes renewal of existing long-term water service contracts for 25 years after appropriate environmental review including the completion of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) required under Section 3409. A draft PEIS was released on November 7, 1998, with an extended comment period closing April 17, 1998. A final PEIS is scheduled for release in June 1999. The additional environmental document(s) for contract renewal will tier off of the final PEIS.

The long-term contract renewal environmental document(s) will be prepared on a regional basis. The specific regions will be determined following scoping. The different service areas of the CVP that will be evaluated include: Shasta/Trinity Division including Cow Creek and Clear Creek South Units; portions of the Sacramento River Division including Corning Canal, Tehama-Colusa Canal and Feather River Water District; American River Division including Folsom Unit, Sly Park Unit, and Auburn-Folsom South Unit; Delta Division including Contra Costa and Delta-Mendota Canals; San Luis Unit; San Felipe Division; Friant Division; and miscellaneous other CVP service areas that are served by New Melones, Hidden, and Buchanan Reservoirs and Cross Valley Canal. Individual service areas may be combined together in one document if they have related issues.

#### Meetings

Seven scoping meetings will be held to solicit comments from interested parties to assist in determining the scope of the environmental analysis and to identify the significant issues related to this proposed action, including issues related to negotiations. The meetings will be held on the following dates at the specified locations:

- Monday, November 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the: Waterfront Plaza Hotel, 10 Washington Street, Oakland, California, 510/836-3800.
- Thursday, November 5, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the: Las Molinas VFW, 7980

Sherwood Blvd, Las Molinas, California, 530/384-2759.

- Monday, November 9, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the: Sheraton Smugglers Inn, 3737 North Blackstone Ave, Fresno, California, 209/226-2110.
- Tuesday, November 10, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the: Granzellas Hotel, 391 Sixth Street, Williams, California, 530/473-3310.
- Monday, November 16, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the: Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California, 916/922-8041.
- Wednesday, November 18, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the: Forest Park Inn, 375 Leadvlesley Road, Gilroy, California, 408/848-5144.
- Thursday, November 19, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the: Double Tree Inn, 1150 Ninth Street, Modesto, California, 209/526-6000.

#### Special Services

A headphone device for the hearing impaired will be available at the meetings. Persons requiring other special services should contact Alisha Sterud at 916/978-5190. Please notify this office as far in advance of the meetings as possible, but no later than 3 working days prior to the particular meeting to enable Reclamation to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requester will be notified.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

**Michael Jackson,**

*Acting Deputy Regional Director.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-410]

#### Certain Coated Optical Waveguide Fibers and Products Containing Same; Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation on the Basis of a Consent Order; Issuance of Consent Order

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ's") initial determination ("ID") granting the private parties' joint motion to terminate the above-captioned investigation on the basis of a consent order.