

in nearby sensitive areas is included in this alternative.

(D) Alternative 4, the BLM Preferred Alternative, is the result of comments received on the Draft SEIS. This alternative expands the core area slightly as compared to Alternatives 2 and 3, and delineates a potential development area around the core. Similar to Alternatives 2 and 3 the core area is broken into five development areas. The alternative also analyzes spatial phasing of development and applies Operator offered mitigation measures including Federal suspended leases and areas of no surface occupancy on areas outside the core of the PAPA. Adaptive management and a compensatory mitigation fund are also important elements of this alternative. Additional air quality mitigation is also included to further reduce impacts.

(E) Alternative 5 describes development of the full Operator proposed number of new wells (4,399) under conditions similar to the 2000 PAPA ROD, and without winter access in restricted wildlife habitats.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[CO-921-03-1320-EL; COC-73016]

**Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Peabody Coal Company, COC-73016; Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Peabody Coal Company.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 3410, members of the public are hereby

invited to participate with Peabody Coal Company, in a program for the exploration of unleased coal deposits owned by the United States of America containing approximately 3,980.0 acres in Morgan & Routt County, Colorado.

**DATES:** Written Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to the attention of the following persons and must be received by them within 30 days after publication of this Notice of Invitation in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Kurt M. Barton, CO-921, Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; and, Peabody Coal Company, PO Box 373, St. Louis, MO 63166.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The application for coal exploration license is available for public inspection during normal business hours under serial number COC-73016 at the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; and at the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, Colorado 81625. Any party electing to participate in this program must share all costs on a pro rata basis with Peabody Coal Company, and with any other party or parties who elect to participate.

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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 that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at the number below. 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, or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS prepares SEAs and FONSI for proposals that relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. These SEAs 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 SEA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

This listing includes all proposals for which the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region prepared a FONSI in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Murphy Exploration and Production Company-USA, Initial Exploration Plan, SEA N-9060.	De Soto Canyon, Block 838, Lease OCS-G 10475, located 95 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	11/2/2007
Apache Corporation, Supplemental Exploration Plan, SEA S-7139.	High Island, Block A-376, Lease OCS-G 02754, located 120 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/8/2008
El Paso Production Oil & Gas Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 05-157A.	Vermilion, Block 102, Lease OCS-G 03393, located 29 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/8/2008
El Paso Production Oil & Gas Company, Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 06-092A.	Eugene Island, Block 53, Lease OCS-G 00479, located 15 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/10/2008
W & T Offshore, Inc., Structure Removal, SEA ES/SR 07-160 ..	Ship Shoal, Block 201, Lease OCS-G 05557, located 42 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	1/10/2008