

If a PEIS is funded and started in early 2009, MMS estimates completion of the PEIS by late 2010. Without funding, completion of the PEIS would be uncertain.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: MMS has the authority under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA as amended; 43 U.S.C. 1331–1356, (1994)) and its implementing regulations at 30 CFR Part 251 to issue prelease permits for the collection of G&G data. These regulations discuss and identify both the authority and applicability of this responsibility as well as discussing the types of G&G activities that require a permit, the instructions for filing a permit, and the obligations and rights under a permit. This NOI is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (1988)) (NEPA).

Background: This NOI is the initial step in the NEPA process. The MMS plans to fully comply with all pertinent laws, rules, and regulations and will allow the public an adequate opportunity to participate in the NEPA process, including through scoping meetings and public comment periods.

The PEIS will evaluate environmental impacts of multiple G&G activities on the Atlantic OCS, and more specifically the proposed action area developed for the draft PEIS (see description of action area), subject to MMS regulatory authority. These activities include, but are not limited to, seismic surveys, side-scan sonar surveys, electromagnetic surveys, geological and geochemical sampling, and remote sensing. More information on G&G activities can be found on pages 13–15 of MMS's *Leasing Oil and Natural Gas Resources: Outer Continental Shelf* (see <http://www.mms.gov/ld/PDFs/GreenBook-LeasingDocument.pdf>) and MMS's *Geological and Geophysical Exploration for Mineral Resources on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf: Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment* (see <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/PDFs/2004/2004-054.pdf>).

The PEIS will be completed prior to authorizing any new, large-scale G&G activities on the Atlantic OCS. In the interim, MMS may still consider small scale, limited permit requests but only if a NEPA environmental assessment is conducted and finds there is no potential for significant impacts from that specific proposed activity nor that the cumulative nature of a collection of smaller, limited surveys would result in significant impacts under NEPA.

Description of Area: The action area to be evaluated under this PEIS may include the entire Atlantic OCS but will

ultimately be determined based on information provided to MMS by industry and public commentators as a result of this NOI and Call for Interest.

Request for Cooperating Agencies: The DOI policy is to invite other Federal agencies, and State, tribal, and local governments to consider becoming cooperating agencies in the preparation of an EIS. Per Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, qualified agencies and governments are those with "jurisdiction by law or special expertise." Cooperating agency status neither enlarges nor diminishes the final decisionmaking authority of any agency involved in the NEPA process.

The MMS invites qualified government entities to inquire about cooperating agency status for this EIS. Upon request, the MMS will provide qualified cooperating agencies with a written summary of ground rules for cooperating agencies, including time schedules and critical action dates, milestones, responsibilities, scope and detail of cooperating agencies' contributions, and handling of predecisional information. The MMS anticipates this summary will form the basis for a Memorandum of Understanding between the MMS and each cooperating agency. You should also consider the CEQ's "Factors for Determining Cooperating Agency Status." This document is available on the CEQ Web site at: <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagencymemofactors.html>. Even if your organization is not a cooperating agency, you will continue to have opportunities to provide information and comments to MMS during the normal public input phases of the NEPA/EIS process.

Notice of Public Scoping Meetings on the PEIS: MMS will hold public scoping meetings on the PEIS. The purpose of these meetings will be to solicit comments on the scope of the PEIS, identify significant issues to be analyzed in the PEIS, and identify possible alternatives to a proposed action. The public scoping meetings will be scheduled at a later date and a **Federal Register** notice will be published announcing the date, time, and location of the meetings and will include a map of the Atlantic OCS.

Comments: In addition to participation in the scoping meetings, Federal, state, and local government agencies and other interested parties are invited to send their written comments on the scope of the PEIS, significant issues that should be addressed, alternatives that should be considered, scenario development, and the types of G&G activities and geographical areas of

interest on the Atlantic OCS. In particular, MMS would like to know the interest level and geographic location for seismic exploration activity (2D and 3D), magnetotelluric and controlled source electromagnetic surveys, coring, deep and/or shallow stratigraphic test wells, geochemical surveys, aeromagnetic, and aerogravity surveys.

Comments may be submitted in one of the following two ways:

1. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on the PEIS Scope" and mailed (or hand carried) to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394.

2. Electronically to the MMS e-mail address: GGEIS@mms.gov.

If you would like your name added to the MMS mailing list, please send an e-mail to the MMS e-mail address: GGEIS@mms.gov with the subject line "Atlantic OCS mailing list." For further information regarding the Atlantic OCS G&G PEIS please visit our Web site at: <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/offshore/atlocs/atlocs.html>.

DATES: Comments should be submitted no later than March 23, 2009, at the addresses specified above. If a PEIS is funded and started by early 2009, MMS estimates completion of the PEIS by late 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on this NOI, please contact Mr. Casey Rowe, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard (MS 5412), New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, telephone (504) 736–2781. For information on MMS policies associated with this NOI, please contact Mr. Joe Christopher, Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, telephone (504) 736–2759.

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Director, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing

or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before January 2, 2009. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by February 5, 2009.

J. Paul Loether,

*Chief National Register of Historic Places/
National Historic Landmarks Program.*

ALABAMA

Russell County

Hurtsboro Historic District, 308–905 Church St., 508 Daniel St., 303–407 Dickinson St., 302–802 Goolsby St., 402–502 Lloyd St., 242–282 Long St., Hurtsboro, 09000001

ARIZONA

Maricopa County

La Hacienda Historic District, Bounded by N. 3rd St. to the W., N. 7th St. to the E., E. Catalina Dr. to the N., E. Thomas Rd. to the S., Phoenix, 09000002

ARKANSAS

Faulkner County

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, (Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr. MPS) 249 AR 107, Enola, 09000003

Yell County

Dardanelle Commercial Historic District, Roughly bounded by Front, Oak, 2nd and Pine Sts., Dardanelle, 09000004

KENTUCKY

Fayette County

Pepper, James E., Distillery, 1200 Manchester St., Lexington, 09000006

Larue County

Buffalo School, 50 School Loop, Buffalo, 09000005

Logan County

Block Bottom Historic District, Bounded by E. 5th and 7th Sts., Bowling Green Rd. and Morgan St., Russellville, 09000007

McCracken County

Kenmil Place, 4300 Alben Barkley Dr., Paducah, 09000008

MAINE

Androscoggin County

Peck, Bradford, House, 506 Main St., Lewiston, 09000010

Aroostook County

Donovan-Hussey Farms Historic District, 546 and 535 Ludlow Rd., Houlton, 09000012
Duncan, Beecher H., Farm, 26 Shorey Rd., Westfield, 09000011

MAINE

Lincoln County

Brick House Historic District, 478 River Rd., Newcastle, 09000013

Oxford County

Stearns Hill Farm, 90 Stearns Hill Rd., West Paris, 09000014

York County

District No. 5 School, 781 Gore Rd., Alfred, 09000015

MISSOURI

Texas County

Houston High School, 423 W. Pine, Houston, 09000016

UTAH

Cache County

Crockett House, 82 Crockett Ave., Logan, 09000017

Salt Lake County

Utah-Idaho Sugar Factory, 2140 W. Sugar Factory Rd., West Jordan, 09000018

Summit County

Boyden Block, 2 S. Main St., Coalville, 09000019
Spiro Tunnel Mining Complex, 1825 Three Kings Dr., Park City, 09000020

WISCONSIN

St. Croix County

Kriesel, Louis C. and Augusta, Farmstead, 132 State Trunk Hwy 35/64, St. Joseph, 09000021
Thelen, John Nicholas and Hermina, House, 1383 and 1405 Thelen Farm Trail, St. Joseph, 09000022
Request for move has been made for the following resource:

UTAH

Summit County

Beggs, Ellsworth J., House, 703 Park Ave., Park City, 84002240

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0059

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collections of information for 30 CFR Part 735—Grants for Program Development and Administration and Enforcement, 30 CFR Part 885—Grants for Certified States and Indian Tribes, and 30 CFR Part 886—State and Tribal Reclamation Grants. This collection request has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by February 20, 2009, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Please send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior Desk Officer, via e-mail at OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov, or by facsimile to (202) 395-6566. Also, please send a copy of your comments to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 202-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov. Please reference 1029-0059 in your correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request, contact John Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically at jtrelease@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collections of information contained in 30 CFR Part 735—Grants for Program Development and Administration and Enforcement, 30 CFR Part 886—State and Tribal Reclamation Grants, and newly established 30 CFR Part 885 Grants for Certified States and Indian Tribes. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to