

DATES: Interim protective management on public lands along this 41-mile river corridor will exist for a period not exceeding 5 years from the date of this notice or until such time as a final decision has been made, whichever occurs first.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may obtain more information by writing to the District Manager, Canon City District, 3170 East Main St., Canon City, CO 81212 or the Area Manager, San Luis Resource Area, 1921 State Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Manager at (719) 589-4975.

Donnie R. Sparks,

District Manager.

[FR Doc. 96-4093 Filed 2-22-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-JB-M

Minerals Management Service

Public Hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of dates and locations of public hearings on the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002.

On February 9, 1996, the Minerals Management Service announced in the Federal Register (Notice 61 FR 28) the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the "Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002." The notice indicated that the dates, times, and locations of public hearings on the draft EIS would be announced at a later date. This notice provides that information.

The purpose of these hearings is to receive specific comments on the adequacy of the draft EIS and to provide the Secretary of the Interior with additional information from both public and private sectors to help evaluate fully the potential environmental effects of the proposed program.

The public hearings are scheduled for the following dates and times at the following locations:

March 21, 1996

Borough Assembly Chambers, Barrow, Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

A teleconference will be held with the villages of Pt. Hope, Point Lay,

Wainwright, Kaktovik, and Nuiqsut simultaneously with the Barrow Hearing.

March 26, 1996

Wyndham Warwick Hotel, 5701 Main Street, Houston, Texas, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 27, 1996

MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Office, 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd., Rm. 115, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 28, 1996

Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 28, 1996

City Council Chambers, Homer Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

April 3, 1996

Yakutat High School Auditorium, Yakutat, Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

April 9, 1996

MMS Alaska Region Conference Room, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, 12:00 noon, Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627.

A teleconference will be held with the communities of Cordova Kenai/Soldotna, Ninilchik, Port Graham/Nanwalek, and Seldovia simultaneously with the Anchorage Hearing.

April 11, 1996

City Hall, Kivalina, Alaska, 1:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627.

Interested individuals, representatives of organizations, and public officials who wish to testify at the hearings are requested to contact the person listed above for the particular location at least 5 days prior to the hearings. A hearing officer will be in charge at each hearing site. Time limitations may make it necessary to limit the length of each oral presentation to 10 minutes or less. An oral statement may be supplemented, however, by a more complete statement which should be submitted to the hearing officer at the time of the oral presentation. After the presentation of oral statements by those who have preregistered, if time is still available during the period of time listed for the hearings, other individuals will be given

an opportunity to be heard. Each hearing will begin at the specified time and will recess when all speakers have had an opportunity to testify. If there are no additional speakers, the hearing will adjourn immediately after the recess.

Written comments on the draft EIS, including comments from individuals unable to present oral statements or to attend the hearings, will be accepted until May 9, 1996. All written comments should be mailed to Director, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, MS-4320, Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817, Attention: Richard Wildermann. Hand deliveries to the Department of the Interior may be made to Room 4227 Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240. Envelopes or packages should be marked "1997-2002 Oil and Gas Program draft EIS."

After the public hearing testimony and written comments on the draft EIS have been reviewed and analyzed, a final EIS will be prepared. The comment period for the draft EIS closes May 9, 1996.

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Thomas Gernhofer,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

[FR Doc. 96-4102 Filed 2-22-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-MR-P

De Minimis Amount for Recoupments on Federal Offshore Mineral Leases

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amount.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes the amount below which a royalty payor is not required to follow the statutory recoupment procedures. The Minerals Management Service (MMS) issued regulations governing recoupment of overpayments on Federal offshore mineral leases. Those regulations provide that MMS will publish a notice establishing de minimis amounts where it is not cost effective to process the recoupment request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randall Drake, Financial Compliance Branch, Compliance Verification Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS-3670, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3139, fax number (303) 231-3372.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Royalty Management Program of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) established regulations at 30 CFR Part 230 (59 FR 38365, July 28, 1994,