

on the soil maps, and information about the soil map units themselves. The attribute data have no spatial relationship until they are linked to the maps via the map unit symbol and other unique identifiers. However, there is information included linking the soil data to geographical areas such as counties, states, major land resource areas, and soil survey areas.

This document proposes a set of data standards to be used by Federal agencies in their activities for inventory, mapping, and reporting on the soil resources of the United States. It includes a description of the proposed data elements to be used when reporting and transferring data used to describe soil map units and their components. These map units are associated with soil maps developed by the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

This document does not detail data elements used to describe soils at a specific point/site on the landscape, the field methods used to collect the data, or the various classification systems used to classify soils. A future standard will likely be developed to deal with point/site data. Documents containing the various classification systems are listed as references at the end of this standard.

Input is sought on the draft standard regarding how well it will meet user needs.

Dated: December 9, 1996.

Richard E. Witmer,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Review of Spatial Data Transfer Standard, Point Profile

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is sponsoring a public review of the draft "Spatial Data Transfer Standard, FIPS 173, Part 6: The Point Profile" to be considered for adoption as an FGDC standard. If adopted, the standard must be followed by all Federal agencies for data collected directly or indirectly (through grants, partnerships, or contracts).

In its assigned leadership role for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), the FGDC recognizes that the standards must also meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views. The FGDC invites the community to review, test, and evaluate the proposed SDTS Point Profile. Comments

about the content, completeness, and usability of the proposed SDTS Point Profile are encouraged.

The FGDC anticipates that the proposed SDTS Point Profile will provide consistency in the conveyance of geographic point data among FGDC members and will support related standards to collect, process, and/or transfer geographic point data. The standard may be forwarded to other standard organizations for adoption if interest warrants such actions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 1, 1997.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: Requests for written copies of the SDTS Point Profile should be sent to Standards Working Group, FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox), U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192; telephone 703-648-5514; facsimile 703-648-5755; or Internet "gdc@usgs.gov". The proposed standard is also available for viewing on the Internet on the Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee Home Page; the URL is: <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/FGCS/fgcs.html>. The standard may be downloaded from the FGDC Home Page at the following URL: www.fgdc.gov (select Public Documents).

Reviewer comments should be sent to the FGDC Secretariat at the above address. Please send one hardcopy version of the comments and a soft copy version, preferably on a 3.5" diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 format.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Objectives: This profile shall provide for the transfer of higher precision geographic point data in compliance with SDTS, FIPS 173.

Scope: Part 6, the Point Profile, contains specifications for a SDTS profile for use with geographic point data only, with the option to carry high precision coordinates (by increasing the number of decimal places or significant figures) such as those required for geodetic network control points. (This profile is a modification of Part 4, the Topological Vector Profile, and follows many of the conventions of that profile.) Geographic point data herein describes real-world features, rather than a symbolized map graphic. The data may be derived from a cartographic product (map), but the scope of the Point Profile is to convey high precision point data, such as data derived from high precision geodetic network control surveys, rather than information about geographic features displayed on maps. The profile does not include the transfer of topological structures.

Maintenance Authority: The FGCS, as the lead subcommittee, will suggest and/or provide changes to the SDTS maintenance authority, when received from other FGDC subcommittees and working groups in order to maintain this Point Profile for the FGDC user communities.

Dated: December 9, 1996.

Richard E. Witmer,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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Minerals Management Service

Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is reviewing blowout preventer (BOP) testing and maintenance requirements for operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). This notice announces a workshop to discuss the results of the recently completed study on BOP performance. MMS will also discuss potential changes to the current BOP testing and maintenance requirements.

DATES: January 15, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Minerals Management Service's Gulf of Mexico regional office, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 115, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William S. Hauser, Engineering and Technology Division, MS 4700, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, telephone (703) 787-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MMS will hold a workshop on January 15, 1997, to discuss the results of the recently completed study on BOP performance. This study, commissioned by MMS and five oil and gas trade organizations, examined BOP test data from wells drilled on the OCS during the last 6 months. The primary purpose for the study was to examine the performance of BOP equipment over varying test intervals.

Under the current regulations, a lessee must test BOP equipment and systems at least once a week but not to exceed 7 days between tests. However, the offshore oil and gas industry has asked MMS to revise the regulations to allow a lessee to test BOP equipment and systems on a 14-day interval. MMS will

use this study in determining if the longer BOP testing interval will afford an equal or better degree of protection, safety, or performance than the current requirement.

MMS will also discuss potential changes to the current BOP testing and maintenance requirements. MMS plans to issue these new BOP requirements in mid-February 1997.

MMS encourages all interested parties to attend the workshop and participate in the discussions. Persons or organizations that want to make a presentation at the workshop must contact William S. Hauser prior to the workshop.

Preliminary Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Tetrahedron, contractor for the study, will discuss the study and present the findings
- Questions and comments on the study
- MMS discussion of potential new BOP testing and maintenance requirements
- Questions and comments on requirements
- Additional presentations, as appropriate.

Registration: There is no registration fee for this workshop. However, to assess the probable number of participants, MMS requests participants to register with William S. Hauser by calling (703) 787-1613 or FAX (703) 787-1093 prior to the meeting. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come-first-seated basis.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

Robert E. Brown,

Acting Associate Director for Offshore Management.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before December 7, 1996. 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 to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127. Written

comments should be submitted by January 2, 1997.

Patrick Andrus,

Acting Keeper of the National Register.

CALIFORNIA

Napa County

Saint Helena Southern Pacific Railroad Depot, Railroad Ave., NE of jct. of Main St. and Madrona Ave., Saint Helena, 96001535

Orange County

Bixby—Bryant Ranch House, 5700 Susanna Bryant Dr., Yorba Linda, 96001537

Yolo County

Main Street Historic District—Winters, 1—48 Main St., Winters, 96001536

INDIANA

Clinton County

Condon, Charles H. and Emma, House, 603 S. Jackson St., Frankfort, 96001545

Jackson County

Picnic Area—Jackson State Forest (New Deal Resources on Indiana State Lands MPS) Approximately 1 mi. N of IN 250, Jackson—Washington State Forest, Brownstown vicinity, 96001554

Kosciusko County

Chinworth Bridge, Jct. of old US 30 and Co. Rt. 350 W., across the Tippecanoe River, Warsaw vicinity, 96001546

Madison County

Fall Creek Meeting House, IN 38, approximately 1.5 mi. SE of jct. with US 36, Pendleton vicinity, 96001544

Morgan County

Blackstone House and Martinsville Telephone Company Building, 127 S. Main St., Martinsville, 96001540

Jones Schholhouse, 4151 Townsend Rd., Martinsville vicinity, 96001542

Martinsville Northside Historic District, Roughly bounded Cunningham, Mulberry, Pike, and Graham Sts., Martinsville, 96001541

St. Joseph County

North Pumping Station, 830 N. Michigan Ave., South Bend, 96001538

St. Casimir Parish Historic District, Roughly bounded by Arnold and W. Sample Sts. and Conrail tracks, South Bend, 96001543

Steuben County

Fawn River State Fish Hatchery (New Deal Resources on Indiana State Lands MPS) 6889 North IN 327, Orland vicinity, 96001553

Switzerland County

Venoge Farmstead, 111 IN 129, Vevay vicinity, 96001539

NEW JERSEY

Mercer County

Bellevue Avenue Colored School, 81 Bellevue Ave., Trenton, 96001547

Salem County

Nicholson, Abel, House, Jct. of Hancocks Br. and Ft. Elfsborg Rd., Elfsinsboro Township, Salem vicinity, 96001548

NEW YORK

Jefferson County

Strough, Byron J., House (Orleans MPS) S side of Clayton St., W of jct. with NY 411, Hamlet of La Fargeville, Orleans, 96001549

NORTH CAROLINA

Duplin County

Faison Historic District, Roughly bounded by College, Hill, Solomon, and Ellis Sts., Faison, 96001550

PENNSYLVANIA

Erie County

Lovell Manufacturing Company, 1301 French St., Erie, 96001551

York County

Hanover Historic District, Roughly bounded by Elm Ave., Broadway, Eisenhower Dr., Hollywood Ave., and Hanover borough boundary line, Hanover, 96001552

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993; Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") Project 95-01

Notice is hereby given that, on October 31, 1996, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") Project 95-01, titled "Advanced NDE for Piping Inspection," has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are: Exxon Research and Engineering Company, Florham Park, NJ; Amoco Corp., Houston, TX; ARAMCO Services Company, Houston, TX; ARCO Products Company, Anaheim, CA; BP International PLC, Middlesex, UNITED KINGDOM; Chevron Research & Technology Company, Richmond, CA; Mobil Technology Company, Paulsboro,