

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-001.	East Cameron Area, Block 219, Lease OCS-G 7652, 68 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/24/96
Blue Dolphin Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-002.	Galveston Area, Block 288, Lease OCS 0709, 26 miles southeast of Galveston County, Texas.	10/25/96
Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-003, 97-004, and 97-017.	Vermilion Area, Block 31, Lease OCS-G 2868, 7 miles from Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.	11/21/96
Samedan Oil Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-006.	South Timbalier Area, Block 147, Lease OCS-G 4885, 32 miles southeast of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	12/02/96
Santa Fe Energy Resources, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-009 and 97-010.	Main Pass Area, Blocks 186 and 202, Leases OCS-G 7814 and 5714, 35 miles southeast of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.	11/21/96
Hall-Houston Oil Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 97-018.	High Island Area, Block 234, Lease OCS-G 12545, 36 miles south of Chambers County, Texas.	12/13/96
Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 97-011 through 97-015.	Chandeleur Area, East Addition; Blocks 22, 30, 31 and 34; Leases OCS-G 5739, 7834, 7835, and 5742; 40-43 miles south of Jackson County, Mississippi.	1/7/97
Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/ER 97-016.	Eugene Island Area, Block 49, Lease OCS-G 13618, 18 miles south of Iberia Parish, Louisiana.	12/2/96

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public Information Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Telephone (504) 736-2519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals which relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. The EA's 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 the 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 EA.

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

Dated: January 23, 1997.

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Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States of America v. Braselman Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 96-0872 was lodged on *January 13, 1997* with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

In its Third Amended Complaint, filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the United States alleges under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607, that the defendant is liable for reimbursement of response costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States at the Bayou Bonfouca Superfund Site ("Site") located in the City of Slidell, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Fleming American Investment Trust plc ("Fleming American"), one of the eight defendants listed in the Third Amended Complaint, has agreed to pay the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund ("Superfund") \$3,600,000 in reimbursement of past and future response costs. On December 24, 1996, the United States moved to enter a previous Consent Decree for the Site in

which Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation and Kerr-McGee Corporation have agreed to pay \$20,000,000 to the Superfund. The proposed Consent Decree between the United States and Fleming American does not resolve the potential liability of the other five defendants at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States of America v. Braselman Corporation et al.*, DOJ Ref. No. 90-11-2-803A.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Hal Boggs Federal Building, 501 Magazine Street, 2nd Floor, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130; the Region VI Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$6.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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