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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** American Soda, L.L.P. (American Soda) intends to construct and operate a commercial nahcolite solution mining operation in the northcentral portion of the Piceance Creek Basin in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Nahcolite is naturally occurring sodium bicarbonate that is found in association with oil shale deposits. After the nahcolite is removed from the ground, it would be processed into a sodium carbonate solution and transported by a 44-mile pipeline south to a processing operation to be located at an existing industrial site in the Parachute Valley in Garfield County, Colorado. There it would be further processed to commercial grade sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, and other sodium products which would then be shipped from the processing facility via a 4-mile long dedicated rail spur to an interstate rail connection near the town of Parachute.

**John J. Mehlhoff,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Public land order No. 7375; Withdrawal of Public Lands for Sacramento Escarpment Area of Critical Environmental Concern; New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order withdraws 5,364.87 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect and preserve the special status species, scenic values, and unique resources of the Sacramento Escarpment Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. An additional 80 acres of non-Federal lands, if acquired by the United States, would become subject to the withdrawal.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 12, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lorraine J. Salas, BLM Las Cruces

District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 505-525-4388.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Bureau of Land Management's Sacramento Escarpment Area of Critical Environmental Concern:

#### New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (unsurveyed);

Sec. 5, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;

Sec. 7, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 8, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and

S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 17, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (unsurveyed);

Sec. 20, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 28 (unsurveyed);

Sec. 29, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>;

Sec. 33 (unsurveyed).

T. 18 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 4 (unsurveyed);

Sec. 5, lots 1 and 2, and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 8, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 9 (unsurveyed);

Sec. 35, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (unsurveyed).

T. 19 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 2, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,

N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The areas described aggregate approximately 5,364.87 acres in Otero County.

2. The following described non-Federal lands are located within the boundary of the Sacramento Escarpment Area of Critical Environmental Concern. In the event these lands return to Federal ownership, they would be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal:

#### New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 8, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 20, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The areas described aggregate 80 acres in Otero County.

3. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

4. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the

Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

**John Berry,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid

**AGENCY:** United States Agency for International Development.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of advisory committee.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Administrator has determined that renewal of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid for a two-year period, beginning January 1, 1999, is necessary and in the public interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Noreen O'Meara, (202) 712-5979.

Dated: January 4, 1999.

**Noreen O'Meara,**

*Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).*

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Malaria Vaccine Development Program; Federal Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the USAID Malaria Vaccine Development Program (MVDP) Federal Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on January 20, 1999 and from 8:30 to noon on January 21, 1999 at the Conference Room of the Environmental Health Project located in Suite 300, 1611 North Kent Street in Arlington, VA 22209-2111.

The agenda will concentrate on the activities of the MVDP over the past six months and plans for the next year.

The meeting will be open to the public unless it is necessary to discuss procurement sensitive information; should this be the case, it will be announced and the meeting closed at the appropriate time. Any interested person may attend the meeting, may file written statements with the committee