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| Texaco Exploration & Production Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-024 and 99-025.       | Eugene Island Area, Block 315, Lease OCS-G 2608, 74 miles south of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.                       | 03/12/99 |
| Coastal Oil and Gas Corporations, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 99-026 and 99-027.           | High Island Area, Blocks A-245 and A-518, Leases OCS-G 13334 and 11389, 79 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. | 03/12/99 |
| Seneca Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-028.                           | West Cameron Area, Block 293, Lease OCS-G 4398, 29 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.                         | 03/24/99 |
| PennzEnergy Exploration and Production Company, L.L.C., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-030. | South Marsh Island Area, Block 23, Lease OCS-G 0778, 38 miles southwest of Terrebonne Parish Louisiana.              | 04/01/99 |
| Seneca Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-031.                           | Brazos Area, Block 375, Lease OCS-G 9010, 10 miles southeast of Matagorda County, Texas.                             | 04/08/99 |
| Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-032.   | Bay Marchand Area, Block 3, Lease OCS-G 0370, 8 miles south of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.                          | 04/09/99 |
| BP Amoco, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-033.   | Vermilion Area, Block 359, Lease OCS-G 5446, 92 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.                          | 04/13/99 |
| Forcenergy Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-034.  | Main Pass Area, Block 98, Lease OCS-G 5694, 19 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.                          | 04/14/99 |
| IP Petroleum Company, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-035.                             | High Island Area, Block 37, Lease OCS-G 15769, 12 miles south of Jefferson County, Texas.                            | 04/08/99 |

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: April 23, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment Pertaining to a Request by the City of New Orleans to the Secretary of the Interior for Approval To Relocate the Place de France, the Jeanne d'Arc Statue and Two Bronze Cannons Within the City of New Orleans**

**SUMMARY:** Due to the construction adjacent to the Place de France, the City, Mayor Marc H. Morial, has requested the Secretary of the Interior to approve relocation of the Place de France (also known as the Joan of Arc Plaza), a statue of Jeanne d'Arc and two bronze cannons from the current location in the median between the International Trade Mart buildings and the former Rivergate to the Decatur/North Peters Street Triangle in the Vieux Carre (the French Quarter), a National Historic Landmark District. Using a grant received under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, Pub. L. 91-609, the City developed the Place de France as a park for the statue and two bronze cannons donated to the City by the French Government. This law provides that "no open-space land involving historic or architectural purposes for which assistance has been granted under this title shall be converted to use for any other purposes without the prior approval of the Secretary of the Interior." In *Louisiana Landmarks*

*Society, Inc. v. City of New Orleans*, No. 94-3880 (E.D. La. 1995) the court reiterated the necessity for prior approval of the Secretary, but provided no standard by which to evaluate the historic purposes of the Place de France. The court, however, found that the term "historic" is not limited to property listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

**DATES:** Comments on this Environmental Assessment will be received on or before June 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed to: Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, Atlanta Federal Center, 1924 Building, 100 Alabama Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, this Environmental Assessment is intended to identify and analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed action, which is the approval by the Secretary of the proposed conversion and relocation of the Place de France, together with statue and cannons as proposed by the City of New Orleans. Concurrent with this NEPA process, the Department of the Interior has also initiated the Section 106 compliance process of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR 800, Protection of Historic Properties.

Dated: April 22, 1999.

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