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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA920-1310-EI: CACA 39407]

#### California: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease CACA 39407 for lands in Kern County, California, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals and royalties accruing from May 1, 1999, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to amend lease terms for rentals and royalties at the rate of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.

The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease CACA 39407 effective May 1, 1999, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW133228]

#### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW133228 for lands in Washakie County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination. The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW133228 effective July 1, 1999, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Alaska Arctic Pipeline Workshop

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public workshop to be conducted by the Center for Cold Ocean Resources and Engineering (C-CORE), St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, under sponsorship of MMS to facilitate the exchange of technical information on Arctic offshore pipelines. The objective of the workshop is to bring together a group of experts with skills related to offshore pipeline design, operation, maintenance, and inspection, to examine the current state of practice for Arctic pipeline alternatives under consideration for Alaska's offshore oil and gas reserves.

**DATES:** The public workshop will be held on November 8 and 9, 1999, from

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., each day, at the location listed in the address section.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held in the ballroom of The Hotel Captain Cook, 939 West Fifth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Phone: (907) 276-6000, Email:

info@captaincook.com, Reservations: 1-800-323-7500 (Preferred Hotels) or 1-800-843-1950 (Hotel Captain Cook).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS issued the Record of Decision and Approval Letter for the Development and Production Plan (DPP) for the BP Exploration Alaska Northstar Project on September 3, 1999. The approval covered the Federal portion of the joint State/Federal project, and is the first development plan approved for the Federal OCS offshore Alaska. The DPP provides for drilling up to seven wells from the Northstar Island into two OCS leases. MMS is reviewing the proposed Liberty DPP for a facility on the Beaufort Sea OCS. BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. submitted the plan and the associated Oil Spill Contingency Plan (OSCP) to MMS in February 1998. The Liberty development project is located in the Beaufort Sea approximately 20 miles east of Prudhoe Bay. The DPP and associated OSCP are presently under regulatory and environmental review.

As a result of these two offshore developments, MMS awarded a research effort titled "An Engineering Assessment Of Double Wall Versus Single Wall Designs For Offshore Pipelines In An Arctic Environment" to C-CORE, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, to independently evaluate specific pipeline alternatives. In an effort to further develop an understanding of Arctic offshore pipeline issues, this workshop was initiated as part of the research effort to facilitate the exchange of information between the public, engineering community and regulatory agencies. Below is a preliminary agenda.

#### Preliminary Agenda

##### Introduction

Overview of Arctic offshore activities and current MMS initiatives.

Objectives of workshop

Challenges for Arctic Offshore Pipeline Developments

To set scene and focus for workshop discussions

Arctic Offshore Pipelines Comparative Assessment