

Minerals Management Service (MMS) has identified the market centers that royalty payors should use to value oil produced from Federal leases.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS published its revised regulations establishing oil value for royalty due on Federal leases in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 2000 (65 FR 14022), effective June 1, 2000. The primary changes in the revised regulations affect Federal lessees who value oil not sold at arm's length. The rule provides that the primary means of valuing crude oil not sold at arm's length is an adjusted spot price, except in the Rocky Mountain Region, where use of an adjusted spot price for valuation purposes is the third valuation benchmark (30 CFR 206.103(b)(4)) (65 FR 14091). The applicable spot price is the one for the oil most closely representing the lease production in terms of physical proximity and quality parameters.

On June 13, 2000, MMS published a list of approved publications from which a lessee may select the appropriate spot price (65 FR 37043). These publications provide spot prices for various types of oils at specific market centers.

Under § 206.113 of the final rule for establishing oil value for royalty due on Federal leases (65 FR 14095), MMS must also identify and publish a list of appropriate market centers using the following factors and conditions:

- (1) Points where MMS-approved publications publish prices useful for index purposes;
- (2) Markets served;
- (3) Input from industry and others knowledgeable in crude oil marketing and transportation;
- (4) Simplification; and
- (5) Other relevant matters.

These market centers and the oil types at each location are listed below:

Market center location	Oil types at that location
Cushing, Oklahoma ..	West Texas Intermediate.
Midland, Texas .....	West Texas Intermediate. West Texas Sour.

Market center location	Oil types at that location
Saint James, Louisiana.	Light Louisiana Sweet. Eugene Island. Bonito Sour.
Empire, Louisiana .....	Heavy Louisiana Sweet.
Clovelly, Louisiana ....	Mars Blend.
Houma, Louisiana .....	Poseidon.
Los Angeles, California.	Alaska North Slope.
San Francisco, California	

MMS will monitor market activity and, if necessary, add to or modify the list of market centers and will publish such modifications in the **Federal Register**.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Washington**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Washington. The final GMP/EIS presents the proposed action for management of the historic site for the next 15 years. The proposed action best satisfies the historic site and NPS mission, as well as the site's long-term management objectives.

Approximately 250 copies of the draft GMP/EIS were distributed to the public. Two public workshops on the draft were held in Walla Walla, WA, and Mission, OR. The Environmental Protection Agency's notice of availability published in the **Federal Register** started the review and comment period on September 3, 1999. All comments received at the park by November 26, 1999, were reviewed and considered by the NPS in the preparation of the final GMP/EIS.

This document is in an abbreviated format and contains a series of corrections and revisions describing changes to the text of the draft, copies of substantive comment letters received

from all agencies and organizations, and responses to all substantive comments. Readers may find it convenient to refer to the draft GMP/EIS while reviewing this abbreviated final document.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The no-action period on this final GMP/EIS will expire 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency has accepted the document and published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. Following the no-action period, a record of decision to implement the proposed action will be signed. All who submitted substantive comments on the draft GMP/EIS will receive a copy of the final. In addition, the document has been placed on the NPS website at [www.nps.gov/whmi/gmp.htm](http://www.nps.gov/whmi/gmp.htm). Public reading copies of the final GMP/EIS will be available for review at the following locations: Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240; Whitman Mission National Historic Site headquarters, 328 Whitman Mission Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362, and at public libraries in the Walla Walla area.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) that the Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. The meeting will convene at 4:00 PM at the New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Conference Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Advisory Council was appointed by the Director of National Park Service pursuant to Public Law 104-333. The 28 members represent business, educational, cultural, and environmental entities; municipalities surrounding Boston Harbor; Boston Harbor advocates; and Native American interests. The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership with respect to the development and implementation of a management plan and the operation of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area.

The Agenda for this meeting is as follows: