DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Alaska Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents Prepared for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Mineral Exploration Proposal on the Alaska OCS.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal regulations (40 CFR 1501.4 and 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of a NEPA-related Environmental Assessment prepared by the MMS for oil and gas exploration activities proposed on the Alaska OCS. This listing includes the only proposal for which the Alaska OCS Office prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in the 3-month period preceding this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For matters pertaining to this notice, contact Mr. Paul Stang (Alaska OCS Region, Anchorage) at (907) 271–6045. The FONSI and associated EA are available for public inspection between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at: Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, Resource Center, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99508–4363, phone (907) 271–6070 or (907) 271–6621 or toll free at 1–800–764–2627. Request may also be sent to MMS at akwebmaster@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposal is for exploratory-drilling operations that would be conducted in accordance with the OCS Lands Act. The purpose of the Environmental Assessment (EA) is to evaluate the probable environmental effects of the operations, described in the Exploration Plan (EP) for McCovey #1 Well, Beaufort Sea, Alaska, dated September 19, 2000.

The McCovey drill site would be located approximately 12.5 miles northeast of West Dock at Prudhoe Bay, 60 miles northeast of Nuiqut, 7 miles northwest of Cross Island, and 110 miles northwest of Kaktovik in the Beaufort Sea.

The methods by which the exploratory well would be drilled are detailed in the EP and in the associated Environmental Report and Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan. Additional details about the proposed operations are included in Federal Register Notice 65 FR 60407 dated October 11, 2000, summarizing Phillip’s (Alaska) Inc. application for an Incidental Harassment Authorization from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Location: Lease: OCS–1577; Block: 6515.

EA Number: AK 00–01.

FONSI Date: October 19, 2000.

MMS prepares EA’s and FONSI’s for proposals which relate to exploration for oil and gas resources on the Alaska 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. The EA is used as a basis for determining whether or not approvals of the proposals constitute major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in accordance with NEPA 102(2)(C). A Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is prepared in those instances where 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. Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposal listed above, or in obtaining information about EA’s and FONSI’s prepared for activities on the Alaska OCS, are encouraged to contact the Alaska OCS Regional Office of MMS.


Carolita U. Kallaur, Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Region, Proposed Use of Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) Systems on the GOM OCS

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed use of FPSO systems on the central and western GOM OCS.

The MMS prepared an EIS on FPSO systems which will be used in deepwater areas of the OCS in the GOM. The MMS based the EIS analyses on estimates of the kinds and amounts of activity onshore and offshore that could result from the deployment and use of FPSO systems to produce oil and gas in areas of the GOM where the present day oil pipeline system does not yet extend. The FPSO systems will produce the oil in the conventional fashion, but will store it on board rather than direct it into pipelines. The FPSO systems will be unloaded regularly by shuttle tankers which will transport the oil to Gulf Coast seaports.

You may obtain single copies of the final EIS, or a CD version, from the MMS, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS–5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, or by calling 1–800–200–GULF.

You may look at copies of the final EIS in the following libraries:

Texas

Abilene Christian University, Margaret and Herman Brown Library, 1600 Campus Court, Abilene;

Alma M. Carpenter Public Library, 330 South Ann, Sourlake;

Aransas Pass Public Library, 110 North Lamont Street, Aransas Pass;

Austin Public Library, 402 West Ninth Street, Austin;

Bay City Public Library, 1900 Fifth Street, Bay City;

Baylor University, 13125 Third Street, Waco;

Brazoria County Library, 410 Brazport Boulevard, Freeport;

Calhoun County Library, 301 South Ann, Port Lavaca;

Chambers County Library System, 202 Cummings Street, Anahuac;

Comfort Public Library, Seventh & High Streets, Comfort;

Corpus Christi Central Library, 805 Comanche Street, Corpus Christi;
Dallas Public Library, 1513 Young Street, Dallas;
East Texas State University Library, 2600 Neal Street, Commerce;
Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney Street, Houston;
Jackson County Library, 411 North Wells Street, Edna;
Lamar University, Gray Library, Virginia Avenue, Beaumont;
LaRatama Library, 505 Mesquite Street, Corpus Christi;
Liberty Municipal Library, 1710 Sam Houston Avenue, Liberty;
Orange Public Library, 220 North Fifth Street, Orange;
Port Arthur Public Library, 3601 Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur;
Port Isabel Public Library, 213 Yturria Street, Port Isabel;
R. J. Kleberg Public Library, Fourth and Henrietta, Kingsville;
Reber Memorial Library, 193 North Fourth, Raymondville;
Refugio County Public Library, 815 South Commerce Street, Refugio;
Rice University, Fondren Library, 6100 South Main Street, Houston;
Rockwall County Library, 105 South First Street, Rockwall;
Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston;
Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center, FM 1011 Governors Road, Liberty;
Stephen F. Austin State University, Steen Library, Wilson Drive, Nacogdoches;
Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi Library, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi;
Texas A & M University, Evans Library, Spence and Lubbock Streets, College Station;
Texas Southmost College Library, 1825 May Street, Brownsville;
Texas State Library, 1200 Brazos Street, Austin;
Texas Tech University Library, 18th and Boston Avenue, Lubbock;
University of Houston Library, 4800 Calhoun Boulevard, Houston;
University of Texas at Arlington, Library, 701 South Cooper Street, Arlington;
University of Texas at Austin, Library, 21st and Speedway Streets, Austin;
University of Texas at Brownsville, Oliveria Memorial Library, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville;
University of Texas at Dallas, McDermott Library, 2601 North Floyd Road, Richardson;
University of Texas at El Paso, Library, Wiggins Road and University Avenue, El Paso;
University of Texas at San Antonio, Library, 6900 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio;
University of Texas Law School, Tarlton Law Library, 727 East 26th Street, Austin;
University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin;
Victoria Public Library, 320 North Main, Victoria;
Louisiana
Calcasieu Parish Library, 327 Broad Street, Lake Charles;
Cameron Parish Library, Marshall Street, Cameron;
Grand Isle Branch Library, Highway 1, Grand Isle;
Government Documents Library, Loyola University, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans;
Iberville Parish Library, 24605 J. Gerald Berret Boulevard, Plaquemine;
Jefferson Parish Regional Branch Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie;
Jefferson Parish West Bank Outreach Branch Library, 2751 Manhattan Boulevard, Harvey;
Lafayette Public Library, 301 W. Congress Street, Lafayette;
Lafitte Branch Library, Route 1, Box 2, Lafitte;
Lafourche Parish Library, 303 West 5th Street, Thibodaux; Louisiana State University Library, 760 Riverside Road, Baton Rouge;
Louisiana Tech University, Prescott Memorial Library, Everet Street, Ruston;
LUMCON, Library, Star Route 541, Chauvin;
McNeese State University, Luther E. Frazar Memorial Library, Ryan Street, Lake Charles;
New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans;
Nicholls State University, Nicholls State Library, Leighton Drive, Thibodaux;
Plaquemines Parish Library, 203 Highway 11, South, Buras;
St. Bernard Parish Library, 1125 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette;
St. Charles Parish Library, 105 Lakewood Drive, Luling;
St. John The Baptist Parish Library, 1334 West Airline Highway, LaPlace;
St. Mary Parish Library, 206 Iberia Street, Franklin;
St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington Branch, 310 West 21st Street, Covington;
Covington;
St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell Branch, 555 Robert Boulevard, Slidell;
Terrebonne Parish Library, 424 Roussell Street, Houma;
Tulane University, Howard Tilton Memorial Library, 7001 Freret Street, New Orleans;
University of New Orleans Library, Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans;
University of Southwestern LA, Dupre Library, 302 East St. Mary Boulevard, Lafayette;
Vermilion Parish Library, Abbeville Branch, 200 North Street, Abbeville;
Mississippi
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Gunter Library, 703 East Beach Drive, Ocean Springs;
Hancock County Library System, 312 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis;
Harrison County Library, 14th and 21st Avenues, Gulfport;
Jackson George Regional Library System, 3214 Pascagoula Street, Pascagoula;
Alabama
Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Marine Environmental Science Consortium, Library, Bienvile Boulevard, Dauphin Island;
Gulf Shores Public Library, Municipal Complex, Route 3, Gulf Shores;
Mobile Public Library, 701 Government Street, Mobile;
Thomas B. Norton Public Library, 221 West 19th Avenue, Gulf Shores;
University of South Alabama, University Boulevard, Mobile;
Montgomery Public Library, 445 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery;
Florida
Bay County Public Library, 25 West Government Street, Panama City;
Charlotte-Grades Regional Library System, 18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte;
Collier County Public Library, 650 Central Avenue, Naples;
Environmental Library, Sarasota County, 7112 Curtis Avenue, Sarasota;
Florida A&M University, Coleman Memorial Library, Martin Luther King Boulevard, Tallahassee;
Florida Northwest Regional Library System, 25 West Government Street, Panama City;
Florida State University, Strozier Library, 2313 Red River Street, Tallahassee;
Florida State University, Strozier Library, 2313 Red River Street, Tallahassee;
Fort Walton Beach Public Library, 105 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach;
Leon County Public Library, 200 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee;
Marathon Public Library, 3152 Overseas Highway, Marathon;
Monroe County Public Library, 700 Fleming Street, Key West;
Port Charlotte Public Library, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte;
Selby Public Library, 1001 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota;
St. Petersburg Public Library, 3745 Avenue North, St. Petersburg;
Tampa-Hillsborough County Library, Documents Division, 900 North Ashley Drive, Tampa;
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Concession Contract Negotiations; Acadia National Park, ME

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to issue a temporary concession contract authorizing continued operation of a gas service station adjacent to the west entrance of Yosemite National Park. The operation is located on land administered by the park in the community of El Portal. The temporary concession contract will be for a term of not more than three years. This short-term concession contract is necessary to avoid interruption of public services while the National Park Service finalizes the Yosemite Valley Plan. This short-term contract will be for a three-year period beginning January 1, 2001. This notice is in pursuant to 36 CFR part 51, section 51.24(a).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The current concession contract at Yosemite National Park will expire on December 31, 2000. The year round operation is the primary source for visitors to obtain gas and have minor auto repairs performed. The Yosemite Valley Plan is near completion and addresses future public service station operations. Underground storage tanks at the existing El Portal site must be replaced to comply with all state and federal requirements; this is in the process of being accomplished. The short-term concession contract will allow for this action to take place without a long-term delay in service to the public. In addition, this period of time is necessary to allow for completion of the Prospectus, that will incorporate the planning requirements for commercial development of the El Portal Administrative Site currently being considered in the Yosemite Valley Plan.

Information about this notice can be sought from: National Park Service, Chief, Concession Program Management Office, Pacific West Region, Attn: Mr. Tony Sisto, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107–1372, or call (415) 427–1366.


Sondra Humphries,
(Acting) Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Notice of Intent To Issue a Temporary Concession Contract for Gas Service at Yosemite National Park

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a temporary concession contract authorizing the operation of carriage rides, horse camp, day use parking, facilities and services for the public at Acadia National Park, Maine for a term not to exceed October 31, 2001.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This temporary concession contract is being awarded to Mr. Edward Winterberg, Seal Harbor, Maine. It is necessary to award the contract in order to avoid interruption of visitor services.

This action is issued pursuant to 36 CFR 51.24(a). This is not a request for proposals and no prospectus is being issued at this time. The Secretary intends to issue a competitive solicitation of offers for a long-term operator to begin in 2002. You may be placed on a mailing list for receiving information regarding the competitive solicitation by sending a written request to the above address.


Chrysandra L. Walter,
Acting Regional Director, Northeast Region.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Concessions Management Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of Concessions Management Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, 5 U.S.C. App 1, section 10), notice is hereby given that the Concessions Management Advisory Board will hold its fourth meeting February 21 and 22, 2001, in Washington, DC. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the American Geophysical Union Building located at 2000 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on both February 21 and February 22 in Room A of the Geophysical building. The meeting will last approximately 8 hours each day and will be concluded in Thursday afternoon.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board was established by Title IV, Section 409 of the National Park Omnibus Management Act of 1998, November 13, 1998, (Public Law 105–391). The purpose of the Board is to advise the Secretary and the National Park Service (NPS) on matters relating to management of concessions in the National Park System.

Major topics for discussion during this meeting include:
• Welcome. Objectives of meeting.
• Discussion of Advisory Board annual report which was submitted to Congress on November 22, 2000.
• Discussion of results of business-based analysis conducted by Pricewaterhouse Coopers which includes a review of the NPS Concessions Program for redefining management and business processes.
• Discussion focusing on development of an online for work on handcraft program.
• Closing remarks (including summary of accomplishments of meeting, date of next proposed meeting, assignment of tasks).

The Board will also discuss its organizational and administrative needs.

The meeting will be open to the public, however, facilities and space of accommodating members of the public are limited, and persons will be accommodated on a first-come first-served basis.