

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[MT-090-1990EX-02]****Notice of Availability****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Reclamation of the Zortman and Landusky Mines in Phillips County, Montana. This is a supplement to the 1996 Final EIS on Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions at the Zortman and Landusky Mines. The Final Supplemental EIS addresses 12 reclamation alternatives, six for the Zortman Mine and six for the Landusky Mine. The BLM and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are co-lead agencies for the preparation of the Supplemental EIS. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council are participating agencies.

DATES: A record of decision will be prepared no earlier than 30 days after the Notice of Receipt for the Final Supplemental EIS is published in the *Federal Register*.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final Supplemental EIS are available from the Bureau of Land Management, Malta Field Office, HC 65 Box 5000, Malta, Montana, 59538.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Haight, 406-538-1930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This EIS is a final supplement to the March 1996 Final EIS Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions. With the bankruptcy of the mines' operator, Zortman Mining, Inc., the BLM and DEQ are overseeing reclamation at the mines. The Final Supplemental EIS has been prepared to analyze additional reclamation alternatives developed by the agencies that may constitute a substantial change from those presented in the 1996 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS presents 12 reclamation plans, six for reclamation of the Zortman Mine and six for reclamation of the Landusky Mine. The reclamation plans were developed based upon public comments and through consultation with the Fort Belknap government and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Final Supplemental EIS discloses the environmental consequences of each

alternative. Alternative Z6 is identified in the Final Supplemental EIS as the DEQ and BLM preferred reclamation alternative for the Zortman Mine, and Alternative L4 is identified as the preferred reclamation alternative for the Landusky Mine. Implementation of the preferred reclamation alternatives would cost approximately \$22.5 million more than is available under the reclamation bonds and would require additional funding. Alternatives Z3 and L3 have also been identified as "preferred," in the event funding to implement Alternatives Z6 and L4 is not forthcoming. Also, an additional \$11 million is needed to fund long-term water treatment regardless of which reclamation alternative is selected.

(Authority: Sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 853 (42 U.S.C. 4332))

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[NV-050-02-5101-ER-F331; N-75493, N-75471, N-75472, N-75474, N-75475, N-75476, N-75477]****Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent: Ivanpah Energy Center, NV****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to (1) announce a proposed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ivanpah Energy Center Project; and (2) announce the locations, dates, and times of the scheduled public meetings for obtaining public comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, an EIS will be prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office for the Ivanpah Energy Center. The EIS will analyze the impacts of issuing rights-of-way for a gas-fired electric power plant and ancillary facilities (consisting of electric transmission lines, electric substations, a water pipeline, and an access road).

DATES: Three scheduled public meetings to be held at the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, March 5, 2002 commencing at 7 p.m. and continuing until all those present have an opportunity to speak but closing no later than 9 p.m. Community Center, 375

West San Pedro Avenue, Goodsprings, Nevada.

- Wednesday, March 6, 2002 commencing at 7 p.m. and continuing until all those present have an opportunity to speak but closing no later than 9 p.m. Clark County Government Center, Room ODC #3, 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Thursday, March 7, 2002 commencing at 7 p.m. and continuing until all those present have an opportunity to speak but closing no later than 9 p.m. Community Center, West Quartz Avenue, Sandy Valley, Nevada.

Individuals making written comments at the public meetings may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review of disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this definitively at the beginning of your written comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and for individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Crockford, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301 or Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401; telephone (505) 599-6333, cellular telephone (505) 486-4255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EIS will address the proposed action and (at this time) one alternative.

The proposed action can be summarized as: Construction, operation and maintenance of a nominal 500 Megawatt (MW) gas-fired electrical power generating facility and ancillary facilities.

Except for a related electric transmission line, the proposed generating facility and most ancillary facilities are located on public land administered by the BLM, in the MDBM, T. 25 S., R. 58 E., sec. 1, and T. 25 S., R. 59 E., sec. 6 and in southern Clark County, Nevada. The proposed site is about 25 miles southwest of Las Vegas, and two and one-half miles southeast of the town of Goodsprings, Nevada. The plant consists of two gas turbine-generators. The turbine exhaust heat captured and used to create steam will drive a steam turbine-generator in a combined-cycle configuration. To minimize consumption of water, the