

Since each lease sale proposal and projected activities are very similar each year for each planning area, a single EIS is being prepared for all nine Central and Western Gulf sales scheduled in the proposed *Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002–2007* (the proposed 5-Year Program). Under the proposed 5-Year Program, five annual areawide lease sales are scheduled for the CPA and five annual areawide lease sales are scheduled for the WPA. The first proposed lease sale—Western Gulf Sale 184—is not addressed in this multisale EIS; a separate environmental analysis is being done for that proposal. The Central Gulf sales addressed in this EIS are Sale 185 in 2003, Sale 190 in 2004, Sale 194 in 2005, Sale 198 in 2006, and Sale 201 in 2007. The Western Gulf sales are Sale 187 in 2003, Sale 192 in 2004, Sale 196 in 2005, and Sale 200 in 2006. Although this EIS addresses nine proposed lease sales, at the completion of this EIS process, decisions will be made only for proposed Sale 185 in the CPA and proposed Sale 187 in the WPA. A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review will be conducted for each subsequent lease sale in the proposed 5-Year Program.

Public Hearings

Public hearings on the draft EIS will be held at the following locations on the dates and times listed: New Orleans, Louisiana, Wednesday, May 1, 2002, 2–4 p.m., Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard; Houston, Texas, Tuesday, April 30, 2002, 1–3 p.m., Houston Airport Marriott, 18700 Kennedy Boulevard; Mobile, Alabama, Thursday, May 2, 2002, 2–4 p.m. and 6:30–8:30 p.m., Adams Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street. The contact person for these hearings is Ms. Janet Diaz at telephone number (504) 736–2540. Interested individuals, representatives of organizations, and public officials who wish to testify at the public hearings are requested to notify Ms. Diaz at least five days prior to the hearing. If time is available during the hearing period, after the presentation of oral statements by those who have pre-registered, other individuals will be given an opportunity to be heard. Time limitations may make it necessary to limit the length of each oral presentation to ten minutes or less. An oral statement may be supplemented by a written statement, which should be submitted to the hearing officer at the time of the oral presentation. Hearings will recess when all speakers have had an opportunity to testify. If there are no additional speakers, the hearing will adjourn immediately after the recess.

If you cannot attend the hearings, or if you prefer, you may submit your comments in writing to the address below.

Written Comments

MMS requests interested parties to submit comments on the draft EIS to Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Office of Leasing and Environment, Attention: Regional Supervisor (MS 5410), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 by May 31, 2002. Our practice is to make comments, including the name and home address of respondents, available for public review. An individual commenter may ask that we withhold name, home address, or both from the public record, and we will honor such a request to the extent allowable by law. If you submit comments and wish us to withhold such information, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your submission. We will not consider anonymous comments, and we will make available for inspection in their entirety all comments submitted by organizations and businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations and businesses. The comment period ends on May 31, 2002.

EIS Availability

You may find out which local libraries along the Gulf Coast have copies of the draft EIS for review, or you may obtain single copies of the draft EIS from the Minerals Management Service, 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. For a list of libraries containing the EIS you may also call Mrs. Diaz at the number listed in the Public Hearings portion of this notice. The list of libraries and their locations are also available on the Gulf of Mexico regional home page on the Internet at <http://www.temporarygomr.com>.

After the public hearing testimony and written comments on the draft EIS have been reviewed and analyzed, a final EIS will be prepared.

Dated: March 29, 2002.

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Approved: March 29, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Preservation Technology and Training Board: Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), that the National Preservation Technology and Training Board will meet on April 9 and 10, 2002, in Washington, DC.

The Board was established by Congress to provide leadership, policy advice, and professional oversight to the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), as required under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470).

The Board will meet in Conference Room A of the American Geophysical Union Building, 2000 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009, telephone (202) 462–6900. Tuesday, April 9, the meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and end no later than 5:00 p.m. Matters to be discussed will include NPS updates on FY03 budget and administration issues, NCPTT issues and work plan, reports from partners, and re-inventing the board's relationship to NCPTT. Wednesday, April 10, the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 4:30 p.m. Matters to be discussed will include a strategic planning exercise based on the November 2001 forum, the November 2001 meeting in Natchitoches, LA, developing a business plan, and new business.

The meeting will be open to the public. Facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited, however, and persons will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any member of the public may file a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed.

Persons wishing more information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Mr. E. Blaine Cliver, Chief, HABS/HAER/HALS, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW–300 NC, Washington, DC 20240 (mailing address), or HABS/HAER/HALS, National Park Service, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20001 (commercial delivery address), telephone (202) 343–1024. Increased security in the Washington, DC, area may cause delays in the delivery of U.S. Mail to Government offices. In addition to mail or commercial delivery, please fax a copy of the written submission to Mr. E.

Blaine Cliver, Chief, HABS/HAER/HALS, at (202) 343-9624.

Due to an unanticipated administrative delay in reviewing this notice within the National Park Service, it could not be published at least 15 days prior to the meeting dates. The National Park Service regrets this error, but is compelled to hold the meeting as scheduled because of the significant sacrifice re-scheduling would require of board members who have adjusted their schedules to accommodate the proposed meeting dates and the high level of anticipation by all parties who will be affected by the outcome of the board's actions. Since there has been advance notice to the board members about this meeting, the National Park Service believes that the public interest will not be adversely affected by the less-than-15-days advance notice in the **Federal Register**.

Meeting minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection about eight weeks after the meeting at the office of HABS/HAER/HALS, National Park Service, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980

Under 28 CFR 50.7 notice is hereby given that on March 26, 2002, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Great Western Inorganics, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 02-N-0604, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

In this action the United States alleges that under sections 107(a) and 113(g)(2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a) and 9613(g)(2), Great Western Inorganics, Inc. ("GWI") is liable for the recovery of costs incurred or to be incurred by the United States in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances at and from the GWI's chemical manufacturing facility located in the Rocky Flats Industrial Park Site in unincorporated Jefferson County, Colorado (the "Facility"). Under the terms of the

proposed consent decree, which is based in part on GWI's limited financial resources, GWI will pay the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") \$220,000 over a period of three years in reimbursement of EPA's response costs. GWI will also perform work at the Facility valued at \$333,000 to enhance and maintain EPA's response actions and will enter into an environmental covenant designed to ensure the continued protectiveness of those response actions.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney The United States' covenant is conditioned on the veracity and completeness of the financial information General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7911, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Great Western Inorganics, Inc.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-1719/3. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

The proposed consent decree may be examined at U.S. EPA Region 8, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80202. A copy of the consent decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611 fax. no. (202) 616-6584; phone confirmation no. (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$15.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy exclusive of exhibits and defendants' signatures, please enclose a check in the amount of \$7.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library. The check should refer to *United States v. Great Western Inorganics, Inc.*, CA No. 02-N-0604, D. CO. and DOJ #90-11-3-1719/3.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 2002, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. T H Agriculture & Nutrition, L.L.C.*, Civil Action No. 1:02-CV-38-2, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia.

In this action the United States sought injunctive relief in order to remedy conditions in connection with the release and threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment at and from Operable Unit Number 1 of the T.H. Agriculture and Nutrition Superfund Site ("Site") in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia. The United States also sought to recover unreimbursed costs incurred and to be incurred for response activities undertaken and to be undertaken at Operable Unit Number 1 of the Site. The Site consists of two former pesticide formulation facilities. The proposed Consent Decree settles claims against defendant T H Agriculture & Nutrition, L.L.C. ("THAN") pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607, with respect to injunctive relief and response costs sought. The proposed Consent Decree requires the Defendant, THAN, to implement the remedy selected by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for Operable Unit Number 1. The proposed Consent Decree provides for the defendant to file a motion to dismiss with prejudice its appeal from a United States District Court decision denying its claim for reimbursement of response costs under CERCLA Section 106(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. 9606(b)(2), currently on appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit as Appeal No. 00-12854-BB, *T H Agriculture & Nutrition v. EPA, et al.* The proposed Consent Decree provides that the defendant shall not be required to pay for the United States' past or future response costs at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United*