

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Arkansas**

The dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the survey of the subdivision of certain sections, Township 16 North, Range 17 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, Arkansas, will be officially filed in Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on May 23, 2002.

The survey was made at the request of the National Park Service.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., May 23, 2002.

Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

**Stephen D. Douglas,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Minerals Management Advisory Board, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Scientific Committee (SC)**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of vacancies and request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The MMS is seeking interested and qualified individuals to serve on its Minerals Management Advisory Board OCS SC during the period of October 1, 2002, through September 30, 2004. The initial 2-year term may be renewable for up to an additional 4 years.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume within 60 days to: Ms. Julie Reynolds, Program Planner, Offshore Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4001, Herndon, Virginia 20170. She may be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1211.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS SC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to advise the

Director of the MMS on the appropriateness, feasibility, and scientific value of the OCS Environmental Studies Program (ESP) and environmental aspects of the offshore oil and gas program. The ESP, which was authorized by the OCS Lands Act as amended (Section 20), is administered by the MMS and covers a wide range of field and laboratory studies in biology, chemistry, and physical oceanography, as well as studies of the social and economic impacts of OCS oil and gas development. Currently, the work is conducted through award of competitive contracts and interagency and cooperative agreements. The OCS SC reviews the relevance of the information being produced by the ESP and may recommend changes in its scope, direction, and emphasis.

The OCS SC comprises distinguished scientists in appropriate disciplines of the biological, physical, chemical, and socioeconomic sciences. Vacancies, which need to be filled, exist in the social science, ecology/biology, and physical oceanography disciplines. The selection is based on maintaining disciplinary expertise in all areas of research, as well as geographic balance. Demonstrated knowledge of the scientific issues related to OCS oil and gas development is essential. Selection is made by the Department of the Interior on the basis of these factors; appointments to the Committee are made by the Secretary of the Interior.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

Dated: March 22, 2002.

**Thomas A. Readinger,**

*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Civil/Criminal Penalties**

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

**ACTION:** Notice summarizing OCS civil penalties paid, January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides a listing of civil penalties paid January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001, for violations of the OCS Lands Act. The purpose of publishing the penalties

summary is to provide information to the public on violations of special concern in OCS operations and to provide an additional incentive for safe and environmentally sound operations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Doug Slitor (Program Coordinator), Performance and Safety Branch, Engineering and Operations Division, (703) 787-1030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) strengthened section 24 of the OCS Lands Act Amendments of 1978. Subtitle B of OPA 90, titled "Penalties," increased the amount of the civil penalty from a maximum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 per violation for each day of noncompliance. More importantly, in cases where a failure to comply with applicable regulations constitutes or constituted a threat of serious, irreparable, or immediate harm or damage to life (including fish and other aquatic life); property; any mineral deposit; or the marine, coastal, or human environment; OPA 90 provided the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with the authority to assess a civil penalty without regard to the requirement of expiration of a period of time allowed for corrective action.

In addition, the provisions of OPA 90 require the Secretary to adjust the maximum civil penalty to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index. Current regulations at 30 CFR 250.1403 specify the maximum civil penalty of \$25,000 per day, per violation.

Between August 18, 1990, and January 2002, MMS initiated 396 civil penalty reviews. MMS assessed 291 civil penalties and collected \$8,218,542 in fines. During this time period, 56 cases were dismissed, 4 cases were merged, and 46 are under review.

On September 1, 1997, the Associate Director of Offshore Minerals Management issued a notice informing lessees and operators of Federal oil, gas, and sulphur leases on the OCS that MMS will annually publish a summary of OCS civil penalties paid. The annual summary will highlight the identity of the party, the regulation violated, and the amount paid. The following table provides a listing of the penalties paid between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2001. A quarterly update of the list is posted on the MMS worldwide web home page, <http://www.mms.gov>.

**OCS Civil/Criminal Penalties Program**

The goal of the MMS OCS Civil/Criminal Penalties Program is to ensure safe and clean operations on the OCS. Through the pursuit, assessment, and collection of civil penalties and referrals