

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 SNEM-5 (06) M Member Conflict Health Services Research.

*Date:* December 2, 2002.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Ann Hardy, DRPH, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3158, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, [hardyan@csr.nih.gov](mailto:hardyan@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 IFCN-7 (10) Neuroscience-SBIR/STTR.

*Date:* December 3, 2002.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The River Inn, 924 Twenty-Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Bernard F. Driscoll, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1242.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Reviewer Conflict Applications.

*Date:* December 3, 2002.

*Time:* 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Abraham P. Bautista, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5102, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1506, [bautista@csr.nih.gov](mailto:bautista@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Review of Investigator Interactive Research Projects.

*Date:* December 5, 2002.

*Time:* 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Abraham P. Bautista, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5102, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1506, [bautista@csr.nih.gov](mailto:bautista@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Drosophila.

*Date:* December 5, 2002.

*Time:* 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Bernard F. Driscoll, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1242.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Regulation of eNOS.

*Date:* December 5, 2002.

*Time:* 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Joyce C. Gibson, DSC, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4172, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-4522, [gibsonj@csr.nih.gov](mailto:gibsonj@csr.nih.gov).

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Dated: November 1, 2002.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4730-N-45]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 8, 2002.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no

additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: November 1, 2002.

**John D. Garrity,**

*Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Shoalwater Indian Tribe and the State of Washington, which was executed on September 4, 2002.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 8, 2002.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: October 24, 2002.

**Neal A. McCaleb,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-090-03-9971-EK]

#### Conservation Helium Sales

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice requesting comment to proposed conservation helium sale.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this action is to request comments on the proposed method of sale to begin implementation of the terms of the Helium Privatization Act (HPA) of 1996 dealing with the conservation helium reserve sell off.

The Act requires the Department of the Interior to offer for sale, beginning no later than 2005, a portion of the conservation helium stored underground at the Cliffside Field north of Amarillo, TX. The Department of the Interior in consultation with the private helium industry has determined that private companies with refining capacity along the crude helium pipeline will need a supply of helium in excess of that available from their own storage accounts and that available from crude helium extractors in the region.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Bureau of Land Management; Amarillo Field Office; 810 S. Fillmore, Suite 500; Amarillo, TX 79101; Attention: Crude Helium Sale or e-mail them to [AmFOFMO@blm.gov](mailto:AmFOFMO@blm.gov) with Crude Helium Sale in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy R. Spisak, (806) 356-1002. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*1.01 What Is the Purpose of the Sale?*

The purpose of this sale is to begin implementation of the terms of the Helium Privatization Act (HPA) of 1996 dealing with the conservation helium reserve sell off. The Act requires the Department of the Interior to offer for sale, beginning no later than 2005, a portion of the conservation helium stored underground at the Cliffside Field north of Amarillo, TX. The Department of the Interior in consultation with the private helium industry has determined that private companies with refining capacity along the crude helium pipeline will need a supply of helium in excess of that available from their own storage accounts and that available from crude helium extractors in the region. This is the first of 12 annual sales that the Department will conduct to dispose of the conservation helium stored underground at the Cliffside Field. The annual sales are being conducted in a manner intended to prevent market disruptions occurring from a shortage of crude helium. This first sale will be used to test the disposal process with subsequent sales adjusted as needed.

*1.02 What Terms Do I Need To Know to Understand This Sale?*

**Allocated sale**—That portion of the annual sale volume of conservation helium that will be set aside for purchase by the crude helium refiners.

**Annual conservation helium sale**—The sale of a certain volume of conservation helium to private entities conducted annually beginning no later than 2005.

**Bidder**—Any entity or person who submits a request for purchase of a volume of the annual conservation helium sale and has met the qualifications contained in part 1.05 in this notice.

**BLM**—The Bureau of Land Management.

**Conservation helium**—The crude helium purchased by the U.S. Government under the authority of the Helium Act of 1960 and stored underground in the Cliffside Field.

**Crude helium**—A partially refined gas containing about 70 percent helium and 30 percent nitrogen. However, the helium concentration may typically vary from 50 to 95 percent.

**Crude helium refiners**—Those entities with a capability of refining crude helium and having a connection point on the crude helium pipeline and a valid helium storage contract as of the date of a conservation helium sale.

**Excess volumes**—Allocated sale volumes not requested by the crude helium refiners.

**Helium storage contract**—A contract between the BLM and a private entity allowing the private entity to store crude helium in underground storage at the Cliffside Field.

**HPA**—The Helium Privatization Act of 1996.

**In-kind crude helium**—Conservation helium purchased by private refiners in exchange for like amounts of pure helium sold to Federal Agencies and their contractors in accordance with the HPA.

**MMcf**—One million cubic feet of gas measured at standard conditions of 14.65 pounds per square inch (psi) and 60° F.

**Mcf**—One thousand cubic feet of gas measured at standard conditions of 14.65 psi and 60° F.

**Non-allocated sale**—That portion of the annual sale volume of conservation helium that will be offered to all qualified Bidders.

*1.03 What Volume of Conservation Helium Will Be Offered in the Year 2003 Annual Conservation Helium Sale?*

The volume of helium available for this sale is 2,100 MMcf. In accordance

with the HPA, this volume was determined by dividing the total volume of stored conservation helium less the statutory required reservation of 600 MMcf for Government purposes less estimated in-kind crude helium transfers for 12 years divided by 12.

*1.04 At What Price Will the Conservation Helium Be Sold?*

The conservation helium will be sold at the same price as in-kind crude helium. For fiscal year 2003 that price is \$52.50 per Mcf.

*1.05 Am I Qualified To Purchase Conservation Helium at This Sale?*

Any person, firm, partnership, joint stock association, corporation, or other domestic or foreign organization operating partially or wholly within the United States who meets one or more of the following requirements is qualified to submit a purchase request:

- Operates a helium purification plant within the U.S., or
- Operates a crude helium extraction plant within the U.S., or
- Is a wholesaler of pure helium or purchases helium for resale within the U.S., or
- Is a consumer of pure helium within the U.S.

All entities requesting participation in the non-allocated sale must submit proof of being qualified to purchase conservation helium and must either have a helium storage contract with the BLM or have a third party agreement in place with a valid storage contract holder.

*1.06 When Will the Conservation Helium Be Offered for Sale?*

The BLM, Amarillo Field Office, will accept requests for purchase of conservation helium from final publication of this notice until January 15, 2003. On January 16, 2003, requests to purchase conservation helium will be opened and evaluated. Thereafter, volumes of this conservation helium sale will be apportioned and allocated according to the sale rules described in this notice.

*1.07 What Must I Do To Submit a Request for Purchase?*

You must submit the following information to the BLM, Amarillo Field Office:

- Billing address information and name(s) of principle officers of the company.
- Proof of being an entity qualified to purchase conservation helium at this sale as defined in part 1.05 above. Documents such as invoices for sale or purchase of helium, helium storage

contracts, or other relevant documents may be submitted as proof of qualification.

- The amount (in Mcf) of conservation helium requested.
- Certified check or money order in the amount of \$1,000 made payable to the Bureau of Land Management. This money will be used to cover administrative expenses to conduct this sale and is nonrefundable.

**1.08 Where Do I Send My Request for Purchase?**

All requests for purchase of helium as part of this sale must be sent by certified mail to: Bureau of Land Management, Amarillo Field Office, 810 S. Fillmore, Suite 500, Amarillo, TX 79101, Attention: Crude Helium Sale.

**1.09 When Do I Need to Submit Payment for Any Conservation Helium Sold to Me?**

Successful purchasers will submit payments according to the following schedule: 25% by February 28, 2003; 25% by April 30, 2003; 25% by June 30, 2003; 25% by September 30, 2003.

Conservation helium will not be transferred to the purchaser's storage account until payment is received for that portion. Successful purchasers may, at their option, accelerate the purchase schedule.

**1.10 To Whom Do I Make Payments for Awarded Conservation Helium Volumes?**

Make checks payable to the Bureau of Land Management at the address listed in part 1.08 of this notice.

**1.11 Are There Any Penalties for Not Paying for the Conservation Helium in a Timely Manner?**

If a payment is not received by the due date, the purchaser will forfeit the remainder of its allotment unless the purchaser can show that payment was late through no fault of its own. However, penalty interest will be accessed in accordance with the Debt Collection Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 951-953.

**1.12 How Will I Know if I Have Been Successful in My Purchase Request?**

Successful purchasers will be notified in writing by BLM no later than January 31, 2003, with the awarded volumes and payment schedule.

**Allocated Sale**

**2.01 What Is the Allocated Sale?**

That portion of the annual sale volume of Conservation Helium that will be set aside for purchase by the crude helium refiners.

**2.02 Who Will Be Allowed To Purchase Conservation Helium in The Allocated Sale?**

Only those who meet the definition of crude helium refiners as defined in part 1.01 of this notice.

**2.03 What Volume of Conservation Helium is Available in the Allocated Sale?**

The amount available will be 90 percent of the total volume of the annual conservation helium sale—1,890 MMcf.

**2.04 How Will the Conservation Helium Be Apportioned Among the Refiners?**

The apportionment to each crude helium refiner will be based on its percentage share of the total refining capacity as of October 1, 2000, connected to the BLM crude helium pipeline.

**2.05 What Will Happen if a Refiner or Refiners Request an Amount Other Than Their Share of What is Offered for Sale?**

- If one or more refiners request less than their allocated share, any other refiner(s) that requested more than their share will be allowed to purchase the excess volume based on proportionate shares of remaining refining capacities.

- Requests by the crude helium refiners that are in excess of the amount available above will be carried over to the non-allocated sale and considered a separate bid under the non-allocated sale rules.

**2.06 What Will Happen if the Total Amount Requested By the Crude Helium Refiners is Less Than the 1,890 MMcf Offered in the Allocated Sale?**

Any excess volume not sold to the crude helium refiners will be added to the non-allocated Sale volume.

**2.07 Do You Have a Hypothetical Example of How an Allocated Sale Would Be Conducted?**

2,100 MMcf available for total sale with 90 percent available for allocated sale (1,890 MMcf).

Bidder—allocated sale	Installed refining capacity (percent)	Refiner bid volume*	Allocated volume*	Excess volume requested*	Proration percent	Excess allocated*	Total allocated*	Carry over to non-allocated sale*
Refiner A .....	10	225	189	36	20	36	225	0
Refiner B .....	50	750	750	0	0	0	750	0
Refiner C .....	40	985	756	229	80	156+3	915	70
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>70</b>

\*All volumes in MMcf.

After the initial allocation, refiner B has received all requested. However, 265 MMcf is deemed excess of the total in the first iteration of the Allocated Sale and reallocated to the two remaining refiners based on the refining capacity between them. With the reallocation, refiner A gets all requested, but refiner C is still short by 73 MMcf. Additionally, 3 MMcf remains unallocated and without any other refiners is awarded to refiner C, who now has a remaining request of 70

MMcf that is posted into the non-allocated sale.

**Non-Allocated Sale**

**3.01 What Is the Non-Allocated Sale?**

That portion of the annual sale Volume of conservation helium that will be offered to all qualified bidders.

**3.02 What Is the Minimum Volume I Can Request? The Minimum Request Is 5 MMcf.**

**3.03 What Volume of Conservation Helium Is Available for the Non-Allocated Sale?**

The total volume of conservation helium available for this portion of the sale is 210 MMcf plus any additional helium that is not sold as part of the allocated sale.

**3.04 How Is the Ratio of Allocated to Non-Allocated Sale Volumes Determined?**

According to the terms of the HPA, the BLM must conduct the annual conservation helium sales in a manner not to cause undue helium market disruptions; and therefore, the majority of the conservation helium is being offered as part of the allocated sale. Currently, the crude helium refiners have refining capacity roughly double what can be supplied through the annual conservation helium sales. Although there are other crude helium supplies available to the crude helium refiners, these supplies are declining each year. The BLM must be sensitive to the crude helium refiners requirements while maintaining a balance with other helium industry requirements. The exact ratio of allocated to non-allocated sale volumes may change for subsequent annual conservation helium sales.

**3.05 How Will the Non-Allocated Conservation Helium Be Apportioned Among the Bidders?**

The conservation helium will be apportioned equally in 1 Mcf increments among the bidders with no prospective bidder receiving more than its request.

**3.06 What Will Happen if the Bidders Request More Than What Is Made Available for Sale in Part 3.03 of This Notice?**

- If one or more bidders request less than their apportioned amount, any other bidder(s) that requested more than its apportioned amount will be allowed to purchase equally apportioned amounts of the remaining volume available for this sale.
- If all bidders request more than their apportioned amount each bidder will receive its apportioned amount as determined in part 3.05 of this notice.

**3.07 What Will Happen if a Bidder Requests Less Than Its Apportioned Amount?**

Any bidder requesting less than the calculated apportioned volume, will receive the amount of its request and amounts remaining will be reapportioned in accordance with part 3.03 of this notice.

**3.08 What Will Happen if the Total Requests From All Bidders Are Less Than That Offered for Sale in the Non-Allocated Sale?**

If the total non-allocated volume requested is less than the non-allocated volume offered for this portion of the sale, the excess amount will not be sold and will be held in storage for future sales.

**3.09 Do You Have a Hypothetical Example of How a Non-Allocated Sale Would Be Conducted?**

2,100 MMcf available for total sale with 10 percent available for non-allocated sale (210 MMcf).

Bidder—Non-allocated sale	Bid volume*	Appor-tioned volume*	Excess volume requested*	Proration percent	Excess apportioned*	Total apportioned*	Amount requested not received*
Refiner C .....	70	52.5	17.5	50	15	67.5	2.5
Company D .....	100	52.5	47.5	50	15	67.5	32.5
Company E .....	50	50	0	0	0	50	0
Company F .....	25	25	0	0	0	25	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>35</b>

\*All volumes in MMcf.

In this example, three companies submit a request and there is a carryover amount from one of the crude helium refiners in the allocated sale that is considered as a separate request. Each bidder would be apportioned 52.5 MMcf, (i.e., 210 MMcf of non-allocated conservation helium ÷ 4 bidders = 52.5 MMcf per bidder).

After the initial allocation, companies E & F have received all they requested. However, 30 MMcf is deemed excess in the first iteration of the non-allocated sale and reallocated to the two remaining bidders. With the reallocation, refiner C and company D each receives an additional 15 MMcf. No more helium is available, refiner C and company D do not receive all that they requested, and the sale is complete.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

**Richard A. Whitley,**

*Acting State Director, New Mexico.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-926-03-1420-BJ]

**Montana: Filing of Plat of Amended Protraction Diagram**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Filing of Plat of Amended Protraction Diagram.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of the amended protraction diagram of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, (30) days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Brockie, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, PO 36800, Billings, Montana

59107-6800, telephone (406) 896-5125 or (406) 896-5009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The amended protraction diagram was prepared at the request of the U.S. Forest Service, and was necessary to accommodate Revision of Primary Base Quadrangle Maps for the Geometrics Service Center. The lands for the prepared amended protraction diagram are:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

Tps. 11, 12, and 13 S., Rs. 12, 13, and 15 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 55 Index of unsurveyed Townships 11, 12, and 13 South, Ranges 12, 13, and 15 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted October 24, 2002. T. 11 S., R. 15 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 55 of unsurveyed Township 11 South, Range 15 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted October 24, 2002.

T. 12 S., R. 15 W.