

mining on the Arizona Strip; Updates on the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, and Arizona Land Use Planning; RAC Questions on written reports from BLM Field Managers; Field Office Rangeland Resource Team Proposals; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Use, Public Relations, Land Use Planning and Tenure, and Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and discussion of future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on September 6, 2006, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427, (602) 417-9215.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment, Arctic Ocean Continental Shelf Seismic Surveys—2006

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a final programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) for proposed seismic surveys in the Arctic Ocean Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in 2006. In this PEA, OCS EIS/EA MMS 2006-038, MMS examined the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and its alternatives. Based on MMS's examination in the draft PEA of the potential impacts associated with the Proposed Action and review of comments received from the public and agencies, Alternative 6 (Seismic Surveys for Geophysical Exploration Activities would be Permitted with Existing

Alaska OCS Geological and Geophysical Exploration Stipulations and Guidelines and Additional Protective Measures for Marine Mammals, including a 180/190 dB Specified-Exclusion Zone) is MMS's Selected Alternative. The Selected Alternative and the incorporated mitigation measures fulfill MMS's statutory mission and responsibilities and the stated purpose and need for the Proposed Action (to issue geophysical exploration permits for seismic surveys that are technically safe and environmentally sound) while considering environmental, technical, and economic factors. By incorporating mitigation measures into the Selected Alternative and designating them as permit stipulations and/or conditions of approval, MMS has determined that no significant adverse effects (40 CFR 1508.27) on the quality of the human environment would occur from the Selected Alternative. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required and MMS has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The National Marine Fisheries Service was a cooperating agency on the PEA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, Deborah Cranswick, telephone (907) 334-5267.

EA Availability: To obtain a copy of the final PEA and FONSI, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, Attention: Ms. Nikki Lewis, 3801 Centerpoint Drive #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, telephone (907) 334-5206. You may also view the EA on the MMS Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/alaska>.

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John T. Goll,
Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents. Prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at the number below. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MMS prepares SEAs and FONSI for proposals that relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. These SEAs examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A 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 SEA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

This listing includes all proposals for which the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region prepared a FONSI in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Maritech Resources, Inc., Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-028.	West Cameron, Block 515, Lease OCS-G 15102, located 92 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/6/2006.
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal SEA ES/SR 06-015, 92-043A, 93-058A.	West Delta, Block 35, Lease OCS-G 13641, located 11 miles from the nearest Louisiana shoreline.	4/10/2006.