

If a PEIS is funded and started in early 2009, MMS estimates completion of the PEIS by late 2010. Without funding, completion of the PEIS would be uncertain.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** MMS has the authority under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA as amended; 43 U.S.C. 1331–1356, (1994)) and its implementing regulations at 30 CFR Part 251 to issue prelease permits for the collection of G&G data. These regulations discuss and identify both the authority and applicability of this responsibility as well as discussing the types of G&G activities that require a permit, the instructions for filing a permit, and the obligations and rights under a permit. This NOI is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (1988)) (NEPA).

**Background:** This NOI is the initial step in the NEPA process. The MMS plans to fully comply with all pertinent laws, rules, and regulations and will allow the public an adequate opportunity to participate in the NEPA process, including through scoping meetings and public comment periods.

The PEIS will evaluate environmental impacts of multiple G&G activities on the Atlantic OCS, and more specifically the proposed action area developed for the draft PEIS (see description of action area), subject to MMS regulatory authority. These activities include, but are not limited to, seismic surveys, side-scan sonar surveys, electromagnetic surveys, geological and geochemical sampling, and remote sensing. More information on G&G activities can be found on pages 13–15 of MMS's *Leasing Oil and Natural Gas Resources: Outer Continental Shelf* (see <http://www.mms.gov/ld/PDFs/GreenBook-LeasingDocument.pdf>) and MMS's *Geological and Geophysical Exploration for Mineral Resources on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf: Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment* (see <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/PDFs/2004/2004-054.pdf>).

The PEIS will be completed prior to authorizing any new, large-scale G&G activities on the Atlantic OCS. In the interim, MMS may still consider small scale, limited permit requests but only if a NEPA environmental assessment is conducted and finds there is no potential for significant impacts from that specific proposed activity nor that the cumulative nature of a collection of smaller, limited surveys would result in significant impacts under NEPA.

**Description of Area:** The action area to be evaluated under this PEIS may include the entire Atlantic OCS but will

ultimately be determined based on information provided to MMS by industry and public commentators as a result of this NOI and Call for Interest.

**Request for Cooperating Agencies:** The DOI policy is to invite other Federal agencies, and State, tribal, and local governments to consider becoming cooperating agencies in the preparation of an EIS. Per Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, qualified agencies and governments are those with "jurisdiction by law or special expertise." Cooperating agency status neither enlarges nor diminishes the final decisionmaking authority of any agency involved in the NEPA process.

The MMS invites qualified government entities to inquire about cooperating agency status for this EIS. Upon request, the MMS will provide qualified cooperating agencies with a written summary of ground rules for cooperating agencies, including time schedules and critical action dates, milestones, responsibilities, scope and detail of cooperating agencies' contributions, and handling of predecisional information. The MMS anticipates this summary will form the basis for a Memorandum of Understanding between the MMS and each cooperating agency. You should also consider the CEQ's "Factors for Determining Cooperating Agency Status." This document is available on the CEQ Web site at: <http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagencyfactormemofactors.html>. Even if your organization is not a cooperating agency, you will continue to have opportunities to provide information and comments to MMS during the normal public input phases of the NEPA/EIS process.

**Notice of Public Scoping Meetings on the PEIS:** MMS will hold public scoping meetings on the PEIS. The purpose of these meetings will be to solicit comments on the scope of the PEIS, identify significant issues to be analyzed in the PEIS, and identify possible alternatives to a proposed action. The public scoping meetings will be scheduled at a later date and a **Federal Register** notice will be published announcing the date, time, and location of the meetings and will include a map of the Atlantic OCS.

**Comments:** In addition to participation in the scoping meetings, Federal, state, and local government agencies and other interested parties are invited to send their written comments on the scope of the PEIS, significant issues that should be addressed, alternatives that should be considered, scenario development, and the types of G&G activities and geographical areas of

interest on the Atlantic OCS. In particular, MMS would like to know the interest level and geographic location for seismic exploration activity (2D and 3D), magnetotelluric and controlled source electromagnetic surveys, coring, deep and/or shallow stratigraphic test wells, geochemical surveys, aeromagnetic, and aerogravity surveys.

**Comments may be submitted in one of the following two ways:**

1. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on the PEIS Scope" and mailed (or hand carried) to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394.

2. Electronically to the MMS e-mail address: [GGEIS@mms.gov](mailto:GGEIS@mms.gov).

If you would like your name added to the MMS mailing list, please send an e-mail to the MMS e-mail address: [GGEIS@mms.gov](mailto:GGEIS@mms.gov) with the subject line "Atlantic OCS mailing list." For further information regarding the Atlantic OCS G&G PEIS please visit our Web site at: <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/offshore/atlocs/atlocs.html>.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted no later than March 23, 2009, at the addresses specified above. If a PEIS is funded and started by early 2009, MMS estimates completion of the PEIS by late 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on this NOI, please contact Mr. Casey Rowe, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard (MS 5412), New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, telephone (504) 736–2781. For information on MMS policies associated with this NOI, please contact Mr. Joe Christopher, Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, telephone (504) 736–2759.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing

or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before January 2, 2009. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by February 5, 2009.

**J. Paul Loether,**

*Chief National Register of Historic Places/  
National Historic Landmarks Program.*

**ALABAMA**

**Russell County**

Hurtsboro Historic District, 308–905 Church St., 508 Daniel St., 303–407 Dickinson St., 302–802 Goolsby St., 402–502 Lloyd St., 242–282 Long St., Hurtsboro, 09000001

**ARIZONA**

**Maricopa County**

La Hacienda Historic District, Bounded by N. 3rd St. to the W., N. 7th St. to the E., E. Catalina Dr. to the N., E. Thomas Rd. to the S., Phoenix, 09000002

**ARKANSAS**

**Faulkner County**

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, (Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr. MPS) 249 AR 107, Enola, 09000003

**Yell County**

Dardanelle Commercial Historic District, Roughly bounded by Front, Oak, 2nd and Pine Sts., Dardanelle, 09000004

**KENTUCKY**

**Fayette County**

Pepper, James E., Distillery, 1200 Manchester St., Lexington, 09000006

**Larue County**

Buffalo School, 50 School Loop, Buffalo, 09000005

**Logan County**

Block Bottom Historic District, Bounded by E. 5th and 7th Sts., Bowling Green Rd. and Morgan St., Russellville, 09000007

**McCracken County**

Kenmil Place, 4300 Alben Barkley Dr., Paducah, 09000008

**MAINE**

**Androscoggin County**

Peck, Bradford, House, 506 Main St., Lewiston, 09000010

**Aroostook County**

Donovan-Hussey Farms Historic District, 546 and 535 Ludlow Rd., Houlton, 09000012  
Duncan, Beecher H., Farm, 26 Shorey Rd., Westfield, 09000011

**MAINE**

**Lincoln County**

Brick House Historic District, 478 River Rd., Newcastle, 09000013

**Oxford County**

Stearns Hill Farm, 90 Stearns Hill Rd., West Paris, 09000014

**York County**

District No. 5 School, 781 Gore Rd., Alfred, 09000015

**MISSOURI**

**Texas County**

Houston High School, 423 W. Pine, Houston, 09000016

**UTAH**

**Cache County**

Crockett House, 82 Crockett Ave., Logan, 09000017

**Salt Lake County**

Utah-Idaho Sugar Factory, 2140 W. Sugar Factory Rd., West Jordan, 09000018

**Summit County**

Boyden Block, 2 S. Main St., Coalville, 09000019  
Spiro Tunnel Mining Complex, 1825 Three Kings Dr., Park City, 09000020

**WISCONSIN**

**St. Croix County**

Kriesel, Louis C. and Augusta, Farmstead, 132 State Trunk Hwy 35/64, St. Joseph, 09000021  
Thelen, John Nicholas and Hermina, House, 1383 and 1405 Thelen Farm Trail, St. Joseph, 09000022  
Request for move has been made for the following resource:

**UTAH**

**Summit County**

Beggs, Ellsworth J., House, 703 Park Ave., Park City, 84002240

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0059**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collections of information for 30 CFR Part 735—Grants for Program Development and Administration and Enforcement, 30 CFR Part 885—Grants for Certified States and Indian Tribes, and 30 CFR Part 886—State and Tribal Reclamation Grants. This collection request has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by February 20, 2009, in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior Desk Officer, via e-mail at [OIRA\\_Docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov), or by facsimile to (202) 395-6566. Also, please send a copy of your comments to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 202-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov). Please reference 1029-0059 in your correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To receive a copy of the information collection request, contact John Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically at [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collections of information contained in 30 CFR Part 735—Grants for Program Development and Administration and Enforcement, 30 CFR Part 886—State and Tribal Reclamation Grants, and newly established 30 CFR Part 885 Grants for Certified States and Indian Tribes. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to